

Fire leaves campus in dark

Casualties of Fire

- ✓ Owens Library evacuated
- ✓ Vax shut down
- ✓ Millikan residents trapped in elevator

An electrical fire caused by an explosion left several buildings filled with smoke, without power

By **REGINA BRUNTMEYER**
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Getting neighbors to turn down the stereo may never have been easier than Wednesday night, as residents of all four high rises were left in the dark.

As a result of an electrical fire in the utility tunnel located west of Garrett-Strong, Bob Henry, public relations officer, estimated at 11:30 p.m. that the high rises would be powerless for the next 24 to 36 hours.

Lights began flickering across campus at approximately 10:15 p.m. By 10:30 p.m. Maryville Public Safety, along with Campus Safety and other volunteers, arrived to investigate reports of smoke in Garrett-Strong.

A splitter-box, which is a large box that several high-voltage lines run through, exploded and sparked

the electrical fire, but the science building suffered no extensive damage, John Redden, volunteer fire captain, said.

Raymond Snade was working in the new computer lab on the first floor with eight other students when they noticed smoke coming from the ceiling. Snade reported the lights flickering in the hallway prior to the sounding of the fire alarm.

Snade said he then met with swarms of students — an estimated 250 — pouring into the area, some in their pajamas and others barefooted, who ran, walked or drove to watch the spectacle.

Students who live in the high rises were not pleased with the loss of power.

"Garrett-Strong will have electricity and the dorms won't," Sarah Franks said. "I'm pissed. I can't get up in the morning without an alarm clock, but I'll have class at 8 a.m."

Franks was not the only student who expressed concern about getting to class with electricity.

"It's like living in the woods," Angela Benjamin said. "I at least thought that I would not have class in the morning."



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FOLLOWING AN ELECTRICAL fire in Garrett-Strong, fire officials enter the building to inspect it for damage. Students in a computer lab detected smoke at about 10:15 p.m. Wednesday.

"If you want lower tuition and better living conditions, don't just cuss about it ... vote about it." — the Rev. Jesse Jackson

Jesse Jackson pushes action from students

By **CHRIS TRIEBSCH**
CHIEF REPORTER

Echoing Martin Luther King Jr.'s theme of equality, the Rev. Jesse Jackson encouraged a crowd of roughly 2,600 in the Bearcat Arena Wednesday to take control of the nation's problems.

One of the evening's highlights was when Jackson received roaring applause from a statement encouraging students to vote.

"If you want lower tuition and better living conditions, don't just cuss about it," Jackson said. "You can do something about it. Vote about it. You have the right. This is America."

He also spoke about and criticized the proposed budget currently facing Congress. He said the cuts would hurt low-income Americans and the elderly.

He also said it would affect students with the cuts in financial aid. Jackson encouraged students to fight against those cuts.

"I hope this spring, as (Congress) attacks scholarships, you will fight back and protest," Jackson said.

At the conclusion of the speech, an audience member asked Jackson, a two-time presidential candidate, if he was going to run for president again. He replied, "Would you vote for me?"

He then said the idea was on the front burner, but that he has not made up his mind yet. He said it depended on what President Clinton does in the future.

During the speech, Jackson also discussed race relations and said people should not be bitter about the past, but should look to the future.

"We need not be gender neutral," he said. "We need not be race neutral. We need not be color and gender blind. We need to be color and gender caring."

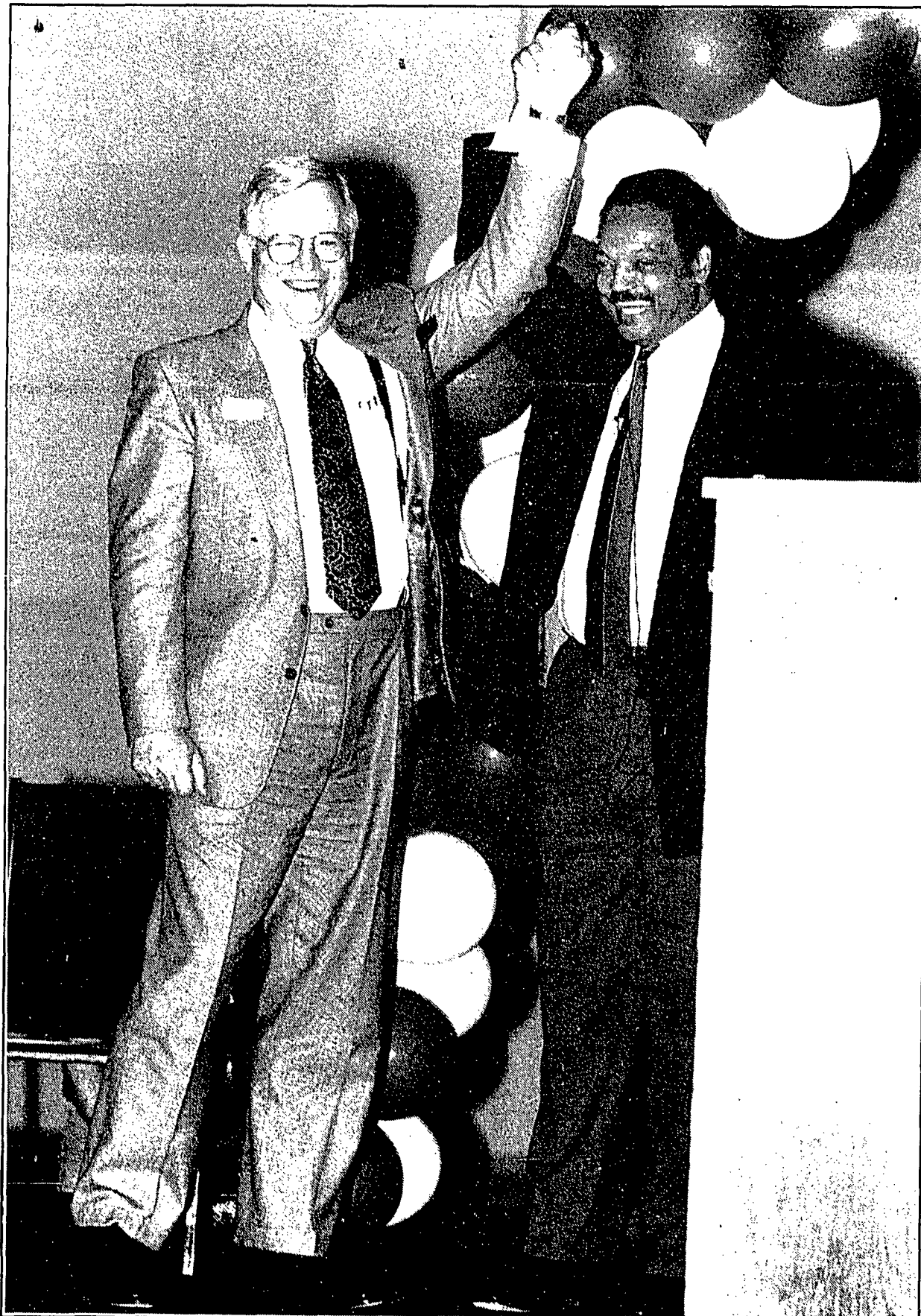
Jackson is also currently fighting, through the Rainbow Coalition, a corporate hog company that wants to move into Lincoln, Mo. Many local farmers are opposed to this. Jackson said he will be involved in a rally in Lincoln April 1. Country singer Willie Nelson will also be involved in the rally.

Jackson had a press conference and dinner with student leaders before the speech.

"I was glad there was a large turnout," Lonita Rowland said. "I got a chance to talk to him at dinner and everything he said had a valid point to it."

Dave Gieseke, director of news and information, said he expected the large crowd for the speech after the event was moved to the Bearcat Arena.

The microphone was having a technical difficulty at the beginning of the night and the audience was treated to a few high-pitched, loud sounds. University President Dean Hubbard said the noise was because of interference with numerous police equipment.



JACK VAUGHT/Chief Photographer

RAISING THEIR HANDS In jubilation, University President Dean Hubbard and the Rev. Jesse Jackson finish Jackson's speech Wednesday with a flourish. During his speech to about 2,600 in the

Bearcat Arena, Jackson took audience members on his own trip through history, encouraging young people to remember the legacies of past while still working to change the problems of the present.

House looks at proposed budget cuts

By **CHRIS TRIEBSCH**
CHIEF REPORTER

Students may have to brace themselves for major financial aid cuts as a proposal is being debated in the House of Representatives. A vote on it could come by the end of the week.

The cuts are packaged in with a general cuts bill that would cut \$17.1 billion in the federal budget. The financial aid cuts are \$47 million.

Elliot Kaye, press secretary for Rep. Pat Danner, D-Mo., said Danner has not made up her mind as to how she will vote on the package.

Del Morley, director of Financial Aid, is warning students that these federal cuts could abolish programs such as the Perkins Loan, the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and work study. Morley said that would mean almost \$1 million less would be available to Northwest students next year.

The Pell Grant would stay intact, and a portion of the savings from the other cuts would go into additional Pell Grant funding.

Morley said both the work study and Perkins Loan cuts alone would affect anywhere from 300 to 350 students. Congress is also discussing the possibility of having immediate interest on student loans and requiring students to begin paying back those loans immediately after college.

The interest rate would rise 20 percent. This would mean a higher debt payment and more financial burden on students who have borrowed a lot of money. It would also make it more difficult for students with lower income families to attend college, according to a newsletter from the American Council on Education.

The newsletter also said 5 million students received some type of financial aid in 1990 and the average award was \$3,113 per year per student. Those numbers have increased over the last few years, according to the newsletter.

Morley said the possible cuts concern him, and the University is currently looking into these proposals. Northwest may even decide to send legislators a statement concerning the cuts.

Students are also concerned with the proposed cuts to financial aid.

"I think it would hurt a lot of students who depend on financial aid because they (may not) be able to attend school without it," Amy Burnison said.

Burnison, who receives a Stafford Loan, said although she only has one more semester left, if the cuts go into effect soon, it could make it difficult for her to attend college.

Responding to those fears, a nationwide organization has been formed to stop the cuts on financial aid. The Alliance to Save Student Aid is made up of more than 30 higher education associations. This group currently has a hotline and is getting out the word through newsletters. The University is a part of some of those associations.

The White House is also involved in the debate. President Clinton told the American Council on Education that he is against these proposals by congressional Republicans.

"I will fight these proposals every step of the way," Clinton said in a recent speech. "The fight for education is the fight for the American Dream. It is the fight for America's middle class. It is the fight for the 21st century."

Specifically, Clinton said he will fight any attempt to eliminate the in-school interest subsidy for 4.5 million students.

Passage of the bill in the House and Senate and Clinton's signature are needed for the proposed cuts to go into effect.

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Mel Carnahan
Governor

Governor approves proposal for prison site

By **CHRIS TRIEBSCH**
CHIEF REPORTER

The conversion of the former Mount Alverno convent to a minimum-to-medium security prison became a reality when Gov. Mel Carnahan approved the proposal Friday.

With 325 of the prisoners scheduled to arrive in one year, construction and renovation of the convent will begin in October, Dora Schiro, Missouri Department of Corrections director, said.

Carnahan said he would not have approved the prison if he thought there was not support for it. "I feel comfortable that the community as a whole

is supportive of this project," Carnahan said after the announcement.

In helping with the formalities and developments, a committee is being organized to help put local input into the plans for the prison.

City Manager David Angerer said the committee would probably consist of seven members.

Schiro said the committee would probably be organized within 30 or 40 days. She said she is looking forward to working with the committee after it is formed.

Schiro said most of the letters she received were in favor of the prison and since the announcement, all the letters have been positive.

She also said Maryville was a great site for a prison and the convent specifically was a great match.

"It was inexpensive and competitive cost-wise," Schiro said. "It is as good as new, but it costs less and it will take less time (to renovate)."

Meanwhile Citizens for Quality Living, a group opposed to the prison, is continuing to meet. The

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CLARIFICATION: In the Feb. 23 issue of the *Missourian*, we reported that Herman Collins called Jefferson City about a letter-writing campaign. He later denied any such phone calls.

OUR VIEW

Maryville residents must deal with new prison

It is finally official. Gov. Mel Carnahan voted in favor of Mount Alverno as the site of the new minimum-to-medium security prison to house 525 inmates. This decision follows months of discussions between city and state officials. The decision has been made; now it is time for everyone to make the best of it.

The community has a chance to put up a united front and help make this situation work, or it can fight the decision every step of the way. For the good of Maryville, the community should try to make the situation work.

Maryville residents need to make sure the officials are doing everything they can to make it a top-quality facility. The residents have been told this will be a prison that will be safe to live around. Community members need to make sure that promise is kept.

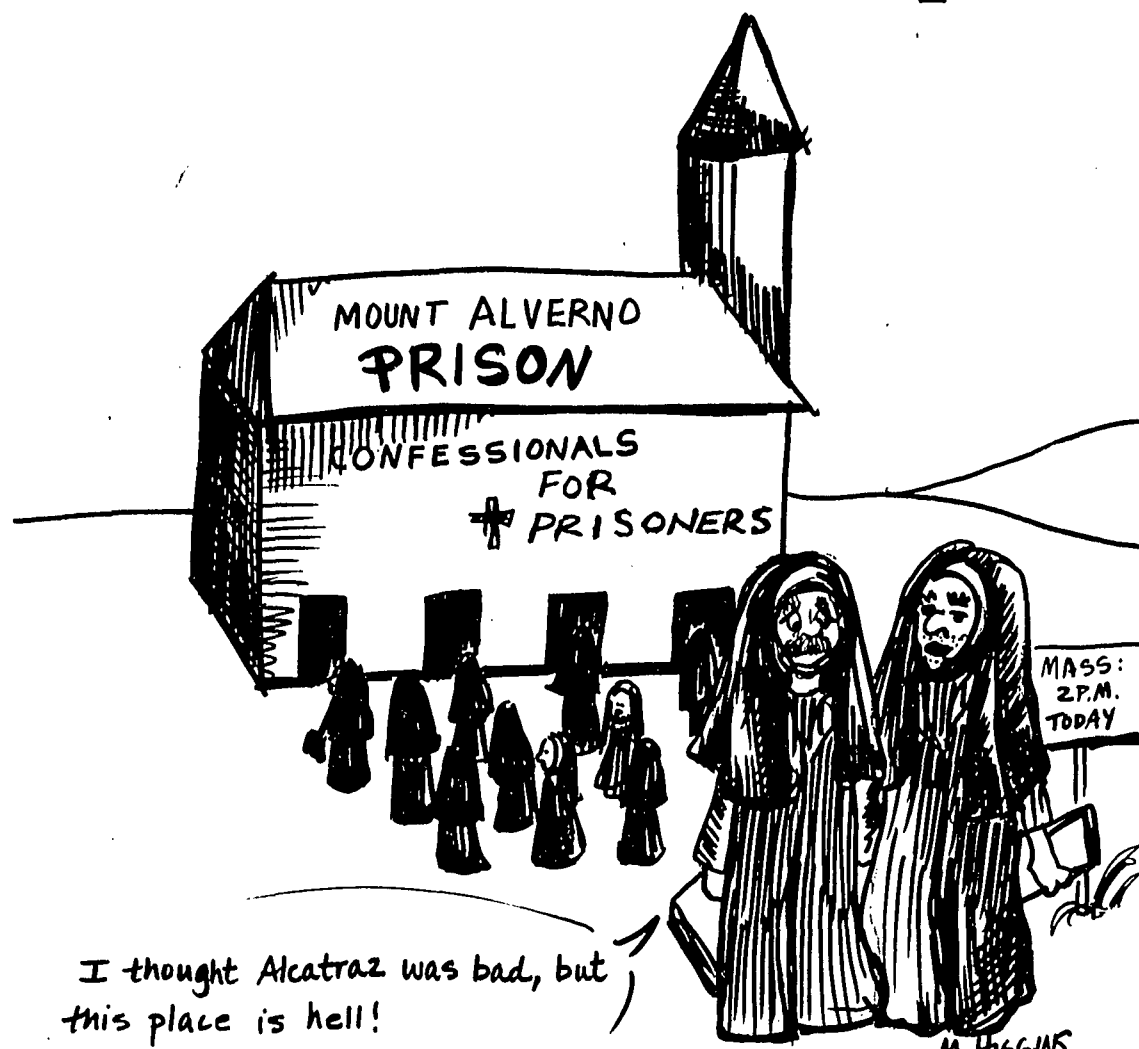
Although egos are bruised and a lot of people are upset, the citizens of Maryville need to put up a cohesive front.

They need to band together to make the inevitable work, especially with an economic boon on the horizon.

Construction is almost completed on Mozingo, providing opportunities for growth and tourism. The community must do what they can to ensure that the new prison won't damage the image of the Mozingo project or Maryville.

This means the city must boost its public relations efforts and maintain good relations with state officials to present Mozingo as a top-notch place, worthy of a trip to Maryville.

The city also has a responsibility to present the



prison as a safe, secure facility.

The *Missourian* voiced its stand against the prison in an earlier editorial. However, now that the decision is final, little can be said to prevent the inmates from moving here within the year.

Therefore, we urge the community to end the

debate and realize that with this decision comes enormous responsibility and consequences.

It is at the hands of the community to decide whether or not to make this a positive movement or to be negative about it.

One thing is certain — it is far from over.

MY TURN

Tower Choir tour: Chex mix on a bus



Derrick Barker
Editor in Chief

Musicians get more out of trip than just souvenirs

When I made my way onto the bus for Tower Choir's 10-day tour of the eastern states last week, a part of me thought this was going to be the experience of a lifetime.

Then again, another part of me thought this was going to be the bus trip to hell and back.

Not to be the crabapple of the bunch, mind you, but when 48 musicians, a brave bus driver, a director and his wife opt to spend the majority of their waking hours of spring break together in close quarters, it's not hard to foresee disaster on the horizon.

It's especially apparent when you consider that 51 of the most distinct personalities from both sides of the spectrum were on this tour.

However, Tower Choir is no meager potpourri of personalities, for a potpourri is a variety of similar scents and not an accurate description of the ensemble. Try to consider Tower Choir as Chex mix — with extra nuts.

Personality clashes could have caused some nasty quarrels, lack of sleep could have created some poor attitudes and the long hours on the bus could have driven some members just plain batty.

However, there's one small bit of

information I shouldn't neglect to mention: None of those awful things ever happened.

In fact, Tower Choir was everything it could have been. Nearly every experience was truly terrific, from the performances to the host families to the sightseeing in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Ask choir members about the trip and they will rattle off a lengthy list of things they enjoyed while on the tour.

They might talk about the host families they stayed with overnight. Most experiences helped to assure that Southern hospitality isn't dead.

Or they might boast about accomplishing the impossible task of breezing through all the Smithsonian museums in one day — a truly amazing feat.

Or they might mention performing songs in a bazillion different languages, particularly a Slavakian piece about cattle calling. Chalk one up for multiculturalism.

If you were to ask me about my favorite experience, I would probably talk about singing inside the Capitol building in Washington.

I'd be sure to mention not only the tremendous high of hearing 48 voices ring through the Capitol's rotunda, but

also the foreign tourists who quickly armed their cameras and video equipment to film the performance.

It's incredible to think that somewhere on the planet, Tower Choir is part of some family's travel slide show.

However, despite all the great things one might say about the tour, a few of the most important aspects might be left out of the conversation.

You see, Tower Choir tour isn't about surviving the bus ride or taking in the sights. It's about growing up.

It isn't easy making sacrifices and being inconvenienced for the good of the group, but Tower Choir members, like anyone else, survived and came home feeling just a bit more fulfilled than they had been before they set foot on the bus that cold Thursday morning.

Tour, in a nutshell, is about bonding.

And although everyone wasn't expected to love each other 100 percent of the time, there was some true friendship building going on.

That has a lot to do with riding on a bus for hours on end. It provides a chance for bus riders to really get to know each other — something I'll try not to take for granted, for those experiences of friendship will be sure to last a lifetime.

VOICE IN THE CROWD

First Lady has new title but same job



Jon Lewis
Columnist

Americans elect officials to make policies, not their spouses

It took three years, but the president finally got one thing right. Americans do not want Hillary Rodham Clinton making policy decisions.

In the March 6 issue of *Newsweek*, a senior White House official said the President "believes people want her to be an advocate for causes she believes in, but not operationally in control of things."

What a revelation — Americans want the elected officials to be operationally in control of things, not their spouses.

Newsweek further said in the past few weeks Bill and Hillary decided Americans "aren't ready to accept her in a policy-making role."

This is obvious. She is not in the position to make policy, and when she has tried, it didn't work.

For example, the First Lady headed health-care reform, which proved to be a disaster for the White House.

The nation did not elect her to public office, but she appeared to be making public policy with the failed health-care plan.

Hillary stuck her foot in the door of

Washington politics, and got it smashed.

So, the White House seems to be giving the role of First Lady a new focus. They want to remove Hillary from the policy-making spotlight where harsh public criticism is so common. Her new role will be a champion of causes.

This new role for the First Lady really isn't a new role, but rather a different title for the same job.

Hillary has recently been flying around the world to communicate United States policy and help establish new programs.

Last week she helped implement a new five-year program in three foreign countries to educate women so they can enter the work force. The first year will cost more than \$11 million, and I doubt the next four years will get any cheaper.

A March 8 article in *USA Today* reported that Hillary addressed the United Nations "poverty" summit and told the representatives that their countries should address their social issues before military issues.

The White House may claim that Hillary will not be involved in policy making, but it doesn't appear to be true.

She may be supporting her causes — which is good — but she is also making policy, which is not her job.

Don't get me wrong. I don't disagree with educating women so they can work to make the world a better place for everyone to live.

All of these causes are good, but if Hillary wants to decide how taxpayer dollars are spent on them, she should run for office.

It's almost as if Hillary got a free ride into government. She didn't have to be elected or debate others regarding her views. The power was just given to her.

The role of the spouse of the president should not include policy making decisions.

The people that are elected into certain positions should run the government.

Maybe we should elect our First Lady or First Man. That would be interesting.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apology for 26 parking violations

Dear Editor,

I want to extend my personal apology to members of the campus community for the 26 parking violations I have received. The services that Campus Safety provides and quality of life issues deteriorate with each inappropriate behavior.

My actions have resulted in less time and resources being utilized for preventative patrol, follow-up on crimes, victim advocacy, shorter response times, escort services, security surveys, safety inspections and crime prevention programming.

Permanent solutions to community problems will not exist until the community demands that these inappropriate behaviors change.

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BARKER'S BITES

Weekly cheers and jeers by Derrick Barker.

• Cheers to Micheal Jordan for giving baseball the boot and for setting his eyes on basketball. True, he hasn't made a decision yet, but it's still exciting news. His Airness is back.

• Jeers to Gov. Mel Carnahan for approving the conversion of the Mount Alverno convent into a minimum-to-medium security prison. In the spirit of the convent, it's probably a good time to start praying for the survival of the Mozingo project and Maryville.

• Cheers to March Madness. This year's pairings of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament should make for some interesting office pools.

• Jeers to Tampa's University Community Hospital for its terrible medical boo-boos. First, a surgeon amputated a patient's left foot when he was supposed to amputate the right. Now, a therapist at the same hospital disconnected the wrong patient's ventilator, which killed him. Don't those goofs happen only on medical TV dramas like "Chicago Hope" and "ER"?

• Cheers to Kansas City, Mo., for deciding to have its St. Patrick's Day parade on St. Patty's Day. What a concept! Of course, it's nothing compared to Maryville's parade, which is supposedly the shortest parade in the world. Keep your eyes peeled, or you just might miss it.

CAMPUS VOICE

How do you think the Maryville prison will affect enrollment at the University?

"I personally do not think it will affect the enrollment. It may bother parents but I do not think the students will be too threatened by it."

Mona Killiam

"They probably won't even mention it when people come to look at the campus. It might affect it if people knew about it. I am sure it would make people feel uncomfortable and people would not feel as safe on campus, but I do not know if it would stop them from coming to Northwest."

Kori Sundberg

"The closer it is to campus, the more it will hurt enrollment and I do not think anyone here wants to have a prison in their backyard."

Jeff Kosse

"I can't imagine it affecting Maryville positively. I came here because it seemed like a safe town. It isn't anything you would want to advertise I guess."

Julie Sebanc

"Frankly, I do not think it will have any effect on enrollment because we will have no interaction with the prisoners. We will never see them. So why should we worry about this since they will not bother us anyway?"

Michelle Claussen

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Universities give race-based funds

A federal appeals court finds race scholarships unconstitutional, unfair

By CHRIS TRIEBSCH
CHIEF REPORTER

Credentials are not the only requirements for college scholarships. At some U.S. colleges, certain scholarships make race the primary factor.

In October 1994, a federal appeals court ruled that college scholarships restricted to minority races are unconstitutional.

This 3-0 ruling could set the stage for a Supreme Court confrontation on whether colleges can continue to set aside scholarships exclusively for minority students.

The controversy concerns scholarships that do not take applications from everyone, not ones that give an advantage to minority students.

At Northwest, the Minority Achievement Scholarship is open to any minority, including Native Americans, black Americans, Latin Americans and Asian Americans.

Del Morley, director of Financial Aid, said he believes unequal opportunities for minorities, but he does not like the idea of scholarships for specific races.

Roger Pugh, director of admissions, said he is in favor of scholarships exclusive to minorities.

"We have many disadvantaged people and helping to provide them with education is positive," Pugh said. "We have not gone that far and there are still a lot of people in need of help."

Each college in Missouri handles the issue of race-based scholarships differently. Some of them provide more than others.

The University of Missouri-Columbia has one of the largest minority

scholarship programs in the state. They have three large minority scholarships and the potential to give out 300.

Joe Camille, financial aid director for MU, said he has no problems with minority scholarships but will leave the issue up to the courts to decide.

Missouri Western State College offers four scholarships giving one-half free tuition and free room and board for one year.

"It really discriminates against white people," Bob Burger, Missouri Western financial aid director, said. "A minority can apply for any scholarship."

This is the only discriminatory scholarship in the handbook."

Southwest Missouri State University offers two minority scholarships. Free fall fee is offered to in-state students who meet the scholarship requirements. Although it goes to a minority in most cases, it is not exclusively for minorities.

David King, assistant financial aid director at SMSU, said it is helpful because there are not many minority students in Springfield. He said offering minority scholarships helps create a better racial balance.

The University of Missouri-Rolla and Central Missouri State University do not offer any minority scholarships.

Jody Ritter, CMSU secretary in the financial aid department, said CMSU bases its scholarships on academics and looks at everyone equally.

All university representatives said they do not get more money for having more minority students.

The issue could be debated nationally as affirmative action is being scrutinized by some Republicans.

Republican presidential candidate Lamar Alexander, former Secretary of Education, recently told CNN that he is opposed to race-based scholarships.

"We have many disadvantaged people and helping to provide them with education is positive. We have not gone that far and there are still a lot of people in need of help."

Roger Pugh
director of admissions

THHHMBERRR!



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian
WORKERS FROM WELDON Tree Service cut away branches from a tree on the corner of Walnut and Seventh streets Wednesday in preparation for the tree removal. The increasing temperature made it a great day to complete outside work.

Listening posts seek area input

Listening posts with representatives from two U.S. senators' offices will be set up next Thursday in Maryville, Oregon and Savannah.

The special forums give area residents an opportunity to discuss opinions and statewide problems with the staff members of U.S. Sens. John Ashcroft and Christopher "Kit" Bond.

"We've helped thousands of Missourians in the past through our Missouri listening posts and I am pleased that Sen. John Ashcroft will be joining our listening post effort," Bond said in a press release.

Congress frequently listens to special interest groups instead of the people's general interest, Ashcroft said in the press release. Listening Posts are an effort to curtail this federal trend, he said.

"Americans are tired of having the door of decision-making slammed in their face," Ashcroft said. "Through the Listening Posts, we can re-open the door and better serve the people."

Allen Dillingham will be available to constituents at three locations next Thursday:

- 8:30 to 9 a.m. at the Andrew County Courthouse in Savannah.
- 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Holt County Courthouse in Oregon.
- 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Forum targets minors in bars

By MARK PERSON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Area residents will have a chance to voice their opinions Monday on the future of under/over nights in Maryville bars.

The Maryville City Council will have a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to express an opinion or hear the opinions of others.

The City Council is asking for public opinion on a possible decision to end special nights when minors are allowed to enter bars in Maryville. These "over/under" nights draw college students from 18 to 20 years of age. However, there is controversy over the fact that many local high school students are attending as well.

City Manager David Angerer said all opinions are welcome at the public hearing.

"I don't know what they'll say," Angerer said. "Some will think it's good and some will say it's bad, but we want a chance to hear how people feel and their reasons why."

Angerer said although the Council is meeting to hear concerns, it will not make a decision on the matter right away.

"They'll take public comment for 30 days before they decide what they want to do," Angerer said. "Then they'll direct the city attorney, or me, to come up with policies."

The Council wants to hear from all concerned residents, even if they do not want to take part in the meeting, Angerer said.

"If someone doesn't want to speak up at the meeting, they can write us a letter, or give us their opinion at some point during the next 30 days," Angerer said.

Maryville Free Press closes

By TATE SINCLAIR
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Maryville has lost one of its weekly papers, but the void will be filled by a new weekend shopper.

The *Maryville Free Press*, which consisted of editorial pieces and want-ads, published its final edition last week.

The closure marked almost three years since shipping out its premiere issue.

William Welsh, president of the *Free Press*' owner Maverick Publishing, said a loss of money had much to do with the end of the *Free Press*.

"Cost went up considerably in the last year," Welsh said.

Newspaper ink cost increased more than 50 percent and postage rose 14 percent in the last

year, Welsh said.

The departure of publisher and editor Jim Fall hurt the quality of the paper, Welsh said.

"Without Jim Fall, I don't think we could keep up the high standard of quality of the paper," Welsh said.

Fall left the paper to work for the Montana State Newspaper Association.

Maverick Publishing will be filling the space left by the *Free Press* with the new Maryville Weekend Shopper.

Welsh said the paper will circulate on the weekends and consist entirely of want-ads, Welsh said.

The policy and procedure for placing ads in the Weekend Shopper will be identical to the policy of the *Free Press*.

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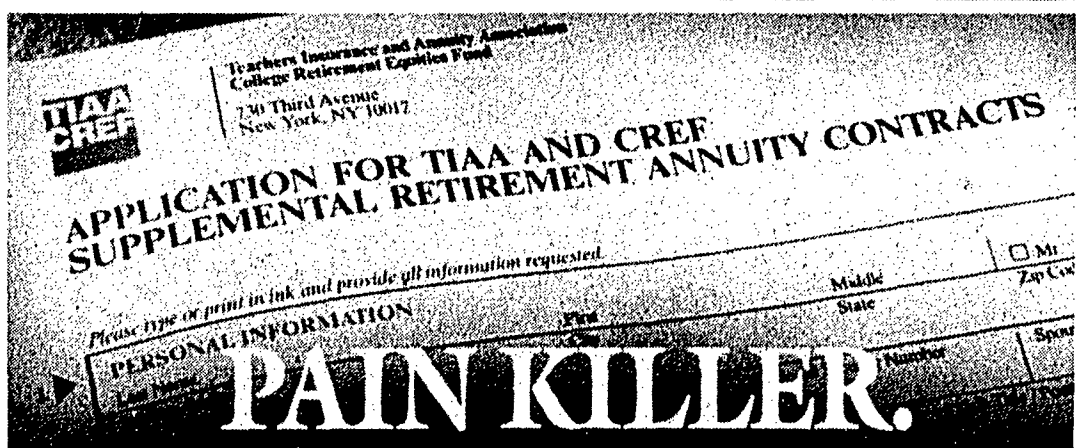
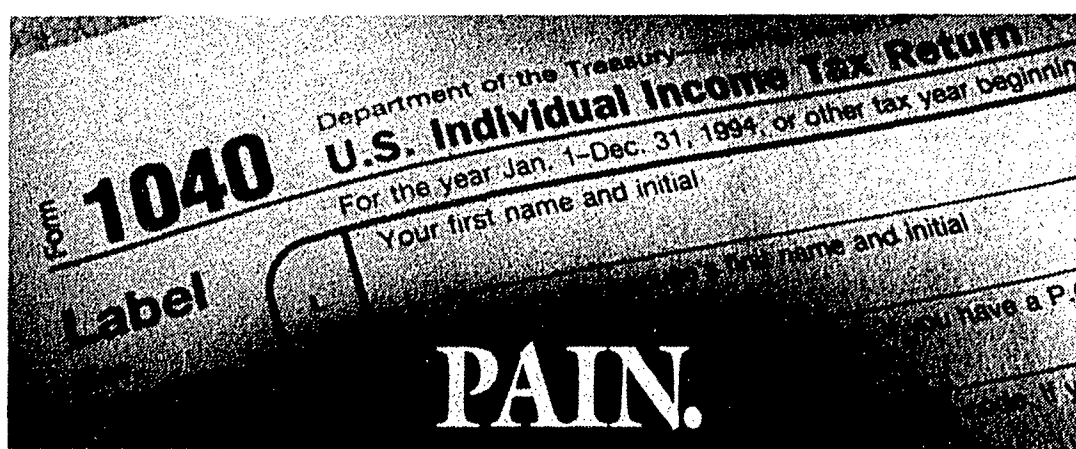
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1 p.m. Bearcat baseball vs. Wayne State College at Bearcat Field.
7 p.m. Ambassador's Inc. Bible study at the Baptist Student Union.
7:30 p.m. Bearcat Sweetheart meeting in 243 Colden.
Band Invitational in Charles Johnson Theater.

MAR 17 FRIDAY

4 p.m. "A Culture of Quality" book signing at Alumni House.
6 p.m. "The Outside World" film auditions in 200 Fine Arts Building.
7 p.m. Turkish Club meeting in the Northwest Room.
Last day to pass/fail second block classes in the Registrar's Office.
Bearcat tennis at Northeast Missouri State University.

MAR 18 SATURDAY

1 p.m. Bearcat Baseball vs. Northeast at Bearcat Field.
Bearcat tennis at University of Missouri-St. Louis.
Bearcat men's tennis at Jefferson Junior College.

MAR 19 SUNDAY

1 p.m. Bearcat Baseball vs. Northeast at Bearcat Field.
7 p.m. Campus Rec softball umpires meeting in 133 Lamkin Gym.
7 p.m. Concert of the Bells/Brass Quintet in the Charles Johnson Theater.
9 p.m. Rollerhockey club meeting at Skate Country.
Bearcat Tennis at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

MAR 20 MONDAY

1 p.m. Bearcat Baseball vs. Loras College at Bearcat Field.
7 p.m. State Sen. Sam Graves speech in the Conference Center.
Softball entry deadline in the Campus Rec Office.
Chorale Invitational in Charles Johnson.
Movie: "A Village in China" in 301 Colden.

MAR 21 TUESDAY

3 p.m. Bearcat Softball vs. Simpson College at Bearcat Field.
7 p.m. Movie: "Eat a Bowl of Tea" in 301 Colden.
8 p.m. Pianist Bruce Brubaker in Charles Johnson.

MAR 22 WEDNESDAY

2 p.m. Bearcat Tennis vs. Southwest Baptist University at the Grube Courts.
5 p.m. Campus Rec softball captains meeting in 133 Lamkin.
7 p.m. Movie: "Mere Jeevan Saathi" in 301 Colden.

Short parade kicks off St. Patrick's Day

By JASON CISPER
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Arguably the biggest party day in northwest Missouri is just around the O'Corner.

Friday marks the day that turns all other saints green with envy - St. Patrick's Day.

"The bar opens at 9 a.m., and you'd better be ready to get your blood alcohol content up," Kevin Koon, bartender at the Outback, said.

Koon said Friday is important to all bar owners.

"It's the day that can make you or break you in the bar business," he said.

The Palms, continuing a seven-year tradition, takes the merriment to a higher level with its "World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade."



Ninety-five feet long, the parade runs in front of both the Palms and the Outback on North Buchanan Street.

"It's hilarious," Rick Kitchell said. "It's just a bunch of people walking in the street from the Palms to the Outback."

And what parade would be complete without a queen? After much

deliberation Wednesday night, Amy Aspen became the queen of the Palms' contest, winning \$100 and the honor to begin the tiny parade.

Koon said the Outback is expecting a good crowd throughout the entire day.

"We'll make enough money to pay cash for a new car," Koon said.

Many students are also aware of the financial burdens associated with St. Patrick's Day.

"I'm planning on spending \$40 to \$50 easily," Burgundy Brunnsaid. "Not to mention what my friends buy for me."

Other students will spend more conservatively.

"I'll only spend \$25 to \$30, but then again, that's all I have," Lacey Morris laughed.

In addition to the money spent, classes will also slow the celebration for some students.

"I've missed too much class already," Kitchell said. "I've got to go Friday."

Others will let nothing stand in their way.

"Hell no, I'm not going to classes," Bruns said.

Bruns said the secret to partying all day without getting tired is to stay put.

"You drink all day and eat lunch at the Palms," Bruns said. "Don't leave the bar, or you'll pass out. Hey, I made it through last year."

In an effort to keep the roads safe on Friday, Delta Chi fraternity members will be giving free rides home from the bars from noon until 2 a.m.

BRIEFS

Faculty team meets to sign book copies

Seventeen faculty members who collaborated on the book "A Culture of Quality: Effective Faculty Teams" will be signing copies of their work at 4 p.m. Friday in the Alumni House.

Patt VanDyke, interim director of the library and editor of the publication, said the purpose of the book was to show how teamwork can improve a university.

Local movie theater closes for face-lift

The Missouri Twin Cinema closed its doors to the public this week for remodeling and repairs.

The theater will remain closed for an indefinite amount of time while improvements are made to the inside and outside.

The outside of the theater will receive a face-lift and new marquis. The building will also be remodeled inside with new seating, a remodeled concession stand and improvements in customer services.

The theater was sold earlier this year to businessman Jerry Jennings.

Blood drive seeks student volunteers

The Community blood center of greater Kansas City will have a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Volunteers are needed to sign up in order to meet the projected goal of 350 donors.

For an appointment or to participate in the meeting, call Rachel Haughenberry at 562-1218.

Pianist to entertain in Charles Johnson

Pianist Bruce Brubaker, will be performing on Tuesday in the Charles Johnson Theater.

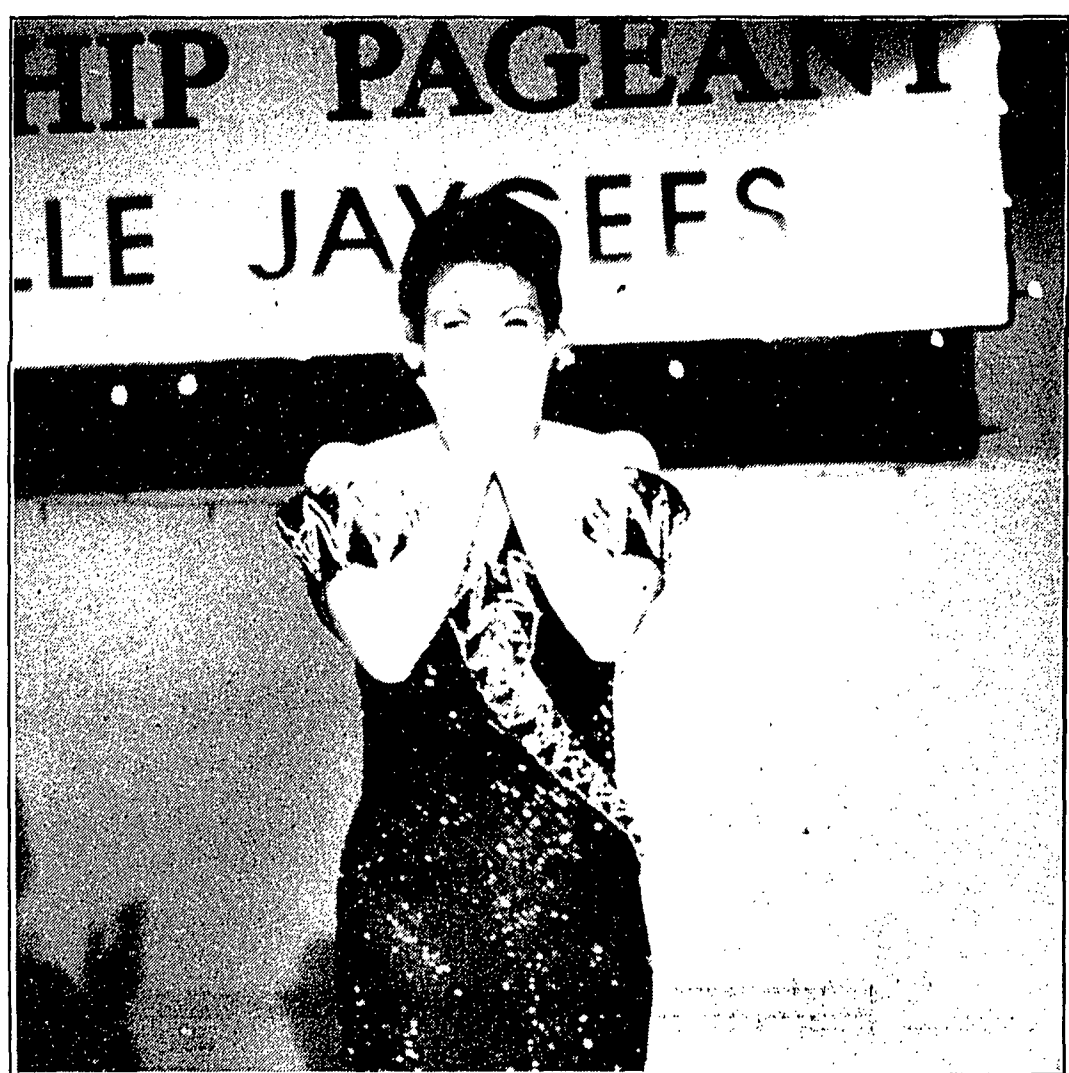
Brubaker, who has performed in Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C., and parts of Europe, is being sponsored by the Department of Music and Culture of Quality.

Public conference seeks student voices

The candidates for City Council and the Maryville School Board have been invited to speak at 7 p.m. Thursday in the University Conference Center.

Students are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns to future community leaders.

Miss Northwest Missouri



JACK VAUGHT/Chief Photographer

JoAnna Sibert covers her face in shock after being named the new Miss Northwest Missouri. Sibert will compete in the Miss Mis-

souri pageant in June along with 25 other contestants. "I'm a little overwhelmed," Sibert said. "I've never held a title before."

Board approves 7 percent raise in scholarships

Board of Regents focuses on new programs for freshmen, organizes campus facilities

By MARK PERSON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Funding for Northwest scholarships and awards will increase by 7 percent next year.

The Board of Regents approved the measure during a Wednesday meeting.

This increase brings the total funding for the Northwest awards program to \$3.8 million.

In addition, \$100,000 will be used to start a new program for freshmen called Northwest Grants.

During the meeting Roger Pugh, executive director of enrollment management, said funding is increasing to keep pace with tuition.

Also during the meeting, updates were presented to the board on ideas from architects who are visiting the University this week.

The architects are working on three possible plans to organize facilities on campus to better work with the different University departments.

In other business, the board approved a request to place the discipline of economics with the department of accounting and finance in the College of Professional and Applied Studies.

The new name for the department is the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance.

Mt. Alverno convent to become correctional facility

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group wants to work with the state government to make the transition go smoothly.

"We are still having meetings to try to make it as positive as possible," Charles Wray, member of Citizens for Quality Living, said. "We have said all along that members of this

group would be interested in being on the committee if (the prison) should happen."

Wray said he was greatly disappointed in the outcome but said he had expected the prison to go through. He said group members have accepted the fact that the prison is coming.

The group had previously done a door-to-door survey of the community

(excluding students). The survey was conducted about two weeks before the announcement. According to the survey, 67 percent of the 1,300 surveyed opposed the prison.

During the prison debate, the proposal gained the support of the Maryville City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Regents.

University administrators have expressed interest in having a working relationship with the prison.

"We have told the state we are happy to cooperate in any way to enhance the rehabilitation of the prisoners," Bob Henry, public relations officer, said. "In time, I think (the University) will be doing things out there, but that is still premature yet."

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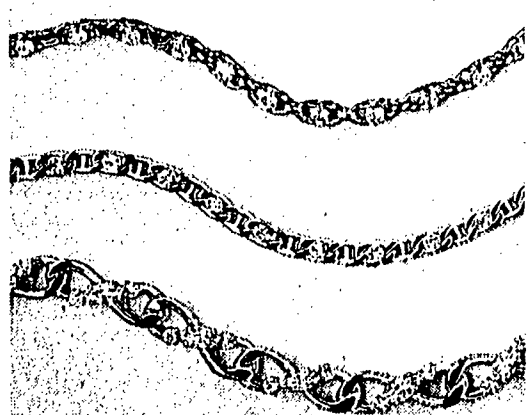
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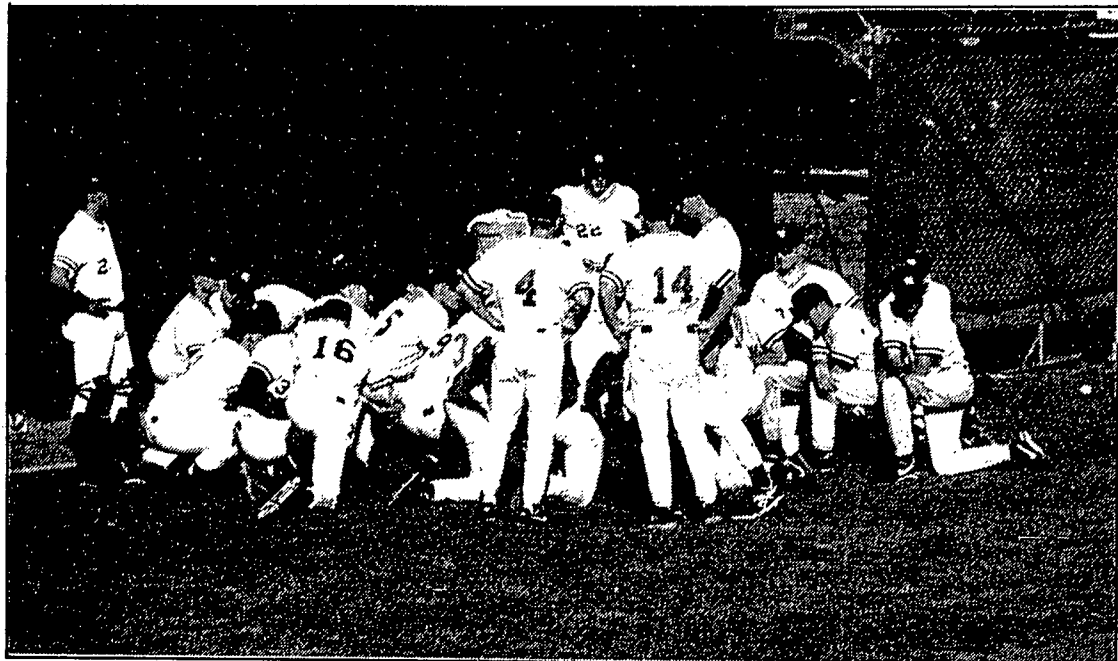
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'Cats make pitching a priority

By COLIN MCPONOUGH
MISSOURIAN STAFF

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, March 16
vs. Wayne State (Mich.)
Saturday, March 18
at Northeast Missouri
State University
Sunday, March 19
at Northeast Missouri
State University
Monday, March 20
vs. Loras College
Saturday, March 25
at Washburn University
Sunday, March 26
at Washburn University

It is time to turn things around in the new season for the Bearcat baseball team after a disappointing 17-27-1 record last season. Jimmy Johnson, head baseball coach, said that during the offseason he and his coaching staff concentrated on finding better pitching to improve on last year's team earned run average.

Last season, because of lackluster pitching, Johnson said the 'Cats' ERA ballooned to 7.23 at the end of the season. "Our pitching last year was suspect and at times an out-and-out failure," he said. "We tried to augment our pitching staff during the offseason and now I think we may have one of the top three or four pitching staffs in the conference; maybe even the top."

Senior pitcher Brent Goheen said that a number of things, including walks, caused the team's ERA to be so high.

"We are going to have to eliminate the walks from last year," he said. "We averaged 9-10 walks a game last year."

Johnson said last year's pitchers were not as bad, but just did not get too many breaks along the way.

"The pitchers worked hard on the field and in the classroom and were always determined," he said. "But

the results were just disastrous."

Johnson said he has set many goals going into this season, but those goals should not be hard to accomplish.

"I would like for us to average seven runs a game and hit .310 as a team," he said. "If we can keep the ERA under 4.00, then I will be happy."

Sophomore first baseman Jay Hearn said with the quality of players on the Bearcat roster, the offensive numbers Johnson predicts should not be too hard to attain.

"We have some serious hitters this year and hopefully those will be light numbers," he said.

Despite having offensive talent at the plate and on the mound, Hearn said last year's team had trouble successfully putting the hitting and pitching together.

"Last year we were short on pitching, but when we got good pitching our hitting wouldn't be on," he said. "We never seemed to get it together."

A weakness for the 'Cats could be their backups in the outfield that make defensive substitutions a problem, Johnson said.

"We need depth in the outfield and right now right field is a question mark," he said.

With 18 pitchers on the staff, Johnson said early in the season he would do a lot of experimenting, trying to find the right pitching combinations and pitching assignments.

"By the 10th of March we will probably have played 15 different pitchers," he said. "We want them to get some experience, then replace them and keep going."

Johnson said he and his staff have a theory to coaching baseball.

"We teach stimulus-response," he said. "We want the players to be sharp to respond to the stimulus and not to think about what they are about to do, because thinking slows down the process."

(ABOVE LEFT) THE BEARCAT BASEBALL squad regroups between innings at Bearcat Field during its doubleheader against Southwest Baptist University Feb. 25. The 'Cats swept SBU 5-4 and 20-4. (ABOVE) JUNIOR CENTER

FIELDER Matt Fitzmorris swipes second base against SBU. Fitzmorris is tied for fourth in the MIAA with four stolen bases and is second in the MIAA in batting average with a mark of .429.

Consistency proves successful for Johnson

By NATE OLSON
CHIEF REPORTER

A career of consistency has proven to be a winning one for head baseball coach Jimmy Johnson, who has been sitting in the dugout at Bearcat Field for the past 12 years.

Johnson has enjoyed success as a baseball coach, posting a lifetime 361-305 record, including a record of 271-234 in his 12 years at Northwest.

Although he has compiled a successful record during his career, Johnson said he is most proud of his long stay at Northwest and how he has brought in productive athletes into his program.

"The biggest accomplishment has been survival," he said. "I have been here in the good years, the lean years and the in-between years. I am proud of the athletes and overall people that have been involved in our program."

Sophomore pitcher Mark Gutkowski said he likes Johnson not only as a coach, but also as a person and agrees with the way Johnson coaches.

"He is a good coach and an even better guy," he said. "I have no problems with his philosophy."

Johnson said he has had some successful years at Northwest, but cannot point to one season that really stands out.

"One year we were ranked second in the nation and were 38-12, but we did not play as tough of a schedule as we did in some years when we played NCAA Division I schools like Oklahoma State, Wichita State and the University of Iowa," he said.



GENE CASSELL/Missourian Staff

AFTER CALLING A timeout, Bearcat baseball coach Jimmy Johnson chooses to replace senior pitcher Brent Goheen.

After 25 years in the same profession, Johnson said he gets bogged down at times, but he said the rewards are worth the work.

"Some days you do not feel like working," he said. "But this is where I am supposed to be, and coaching is what I want to be doing."

Although his primary responsibility is to coach baseball, Johnson said he wants his players to think of baseball as secondary to getting an education.

"We stress to get an education first and then baseball," he said. "We want our players to be productive members of our community and later a productive member of society."

Junior pitcher James Davidson said Johnson tries

PROFILE

Jimmy Johnson
Head Baseball Coach

Alma Mater:
University of Missouri-Columbia, Class of 1969

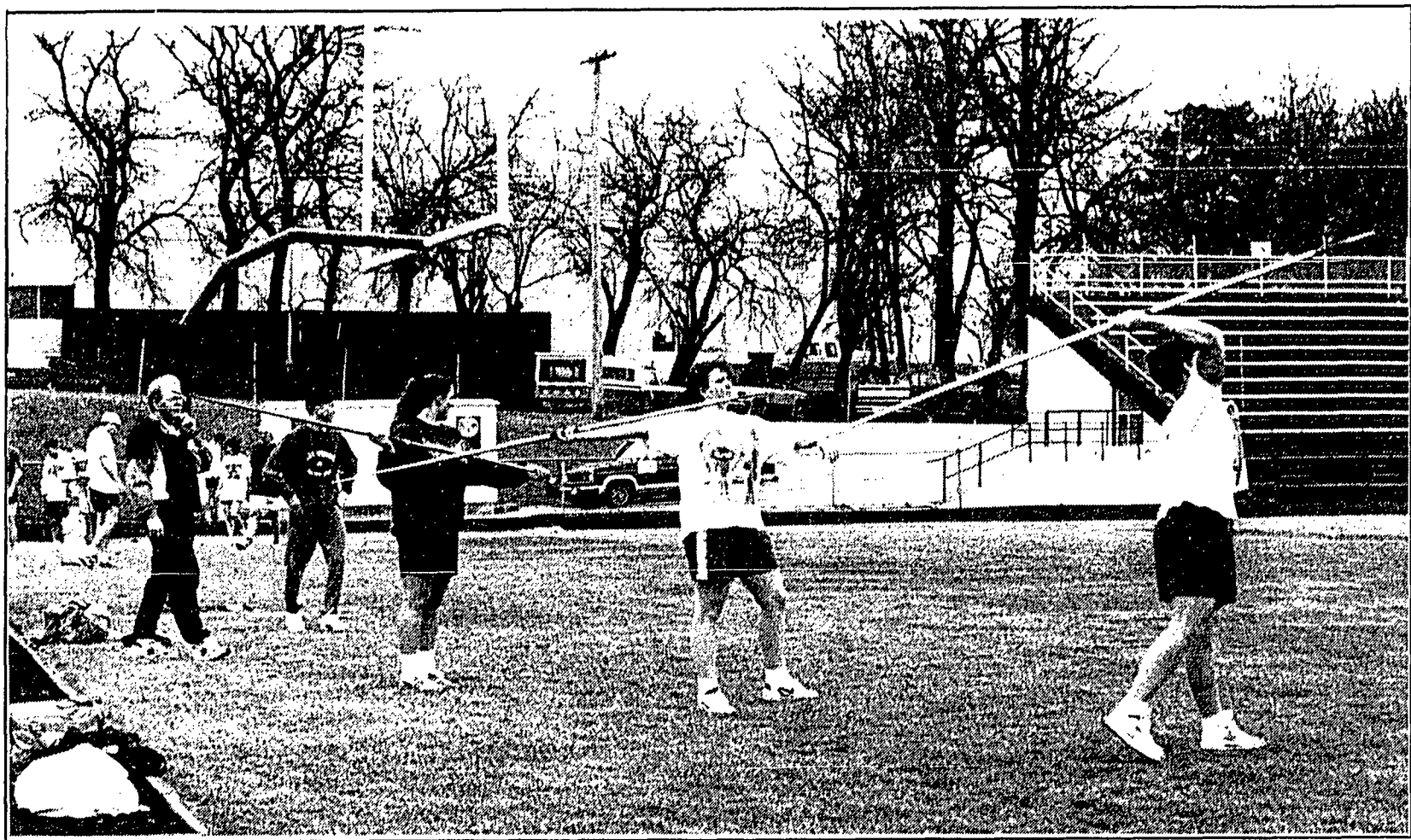
Coaching Experience: In his 13th season at the helm of the Bearcats and has compiled a 268-179-3 record. Also coached at now-defunct Milton College in Wisconsin for six seasons, compiling a 88-71 record. His Northwest squads have won or shared seven MIAA North Division championships and two conference titles.

Johnson has also been named MIAA Coach of the Year twice.

Playing Experience: Played for Tigers head coach John "Hi" Simmons while at MU.

JIMMY JOHNSON, HEAD baseball coach (center) discusses strategy with first base coach Dave Hobbs and junior catcher James Barnett. Johnson is in his 13th year coaching Northwest.

CHRISTY SPAGNA/
Photography
Director



LORI SHAFFER/Missourian Staff

MEMBERS OF THE women's track team get ready for their javelin throws during regular practice. The track team is preparing for its upcoming season, which resumes April 1 at the Northwest Invitational.

RUNNING HURDLES, MEMBERS of the men's track team improve their times around the track. The track team is looking forward to its first meet.

Tracksters move outdoors

By JEFF HARLIN
 MISSOURIAN STAFF

On the heels of great individual performances in indoor competition, the Northwest track teams are flying into the outdoor portion of the season.

After breaking six school records in the indoor season, the team looks to continue its record-shattering performances outdoors.

Ron DeShon, women's head coach, believes the performances will continue to be outstanding.

"Every indication would point to the performances continuing," DeShon said. "When you bring in all these freshmen that have never competed indoor before and are doing as well as they are ... when you get them outdoors they will excel because running outdoors is what they're accustomed to."

Freshman Jacshelle Sasser said she is ready for the outdoor season to begin, but believes a run at the conference championship will be tough.

"I'm excited, but in a way I'm kind of nervous because we will have to do more training and more hard work overall," Sasser said. "The outdoor season is always rougher than the indoor season when it comes to competition."

Sasser, who already high jumped five-feet, 10-inches and finished second nationally indoors, has set some high goals that she believes are attainable.

"I want to go 6-2 in the high jump, 40-plus (feet) in the triple jump and at least 19-plus (feet) in the long jump," she said.

Both teams opted for fewer meets indoors in order to prevent wearing out their athletes by having them compete every weekend. Instead, the women's and men's teams competed internally and participated in the larger meets with better competition.

"We do everything we can to keep athletes from getting broken down during the indoor season," DeShon said.

DeShon said he believes the performances in the indoor season were directly related to the implementation of a weight program and the natural talent of the athletes.

"The added two months of training will put the athletes in a condition they've never been in before (for the outdoor season)," he said.

Despite this new conditioning regimen, DeShon said he considers Pittsburg State University the front-runner for the conference championship.

"I like the idea that we are the team that has to go out and challenge Pitt State," he said.

DeShon expects good performances from Sasser and freshman Brandy Haan in the sprints and senior Nancy Huppert in the throwing events.

While the women were trailblazing through the indoor season, the men struggled as a team, but were

still able to have some strong individual performances throughout the season.

"We've got a lot of good young people, but the unfortunate thing about good young people is that you see a lot of inconsistencies and freshman mistakes," Richard Alsop, men's head coach, said.

Senior Chris Blondin said he thinks the team has at least one good individual in each event and they just need a few more athletes to step up and get the much needed points.

"We don't really have a lot of depth," Blondin said. "We have good people that will place high, and if we have people that can come up and support us in each event, that will help."

Alsop said he believes the team is very competitive when everyone performs at the level of which they are capable and puts the inconsistencies aside.

"It's going to take experience and I also think it's going to take a continued will on the part of the athletes to keep working hard," Alsop said. "Some of it's luck and some of it is just having the right frame of mind at the same time."

Leading the Bearcats to success during the outdoor season are senior Jeff Fogel in the decathlon, seniors Shannon Wheeler and Blondin in the middle distances, freshman Jason Yoo in the sprints, junior Luc Van Grootel in the hurdles and junior Mitch Dosland in the jumps.



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Change marks new softball season

■ A new head coach and a winning attitude give players renewed energy

By JENI KLAMM
 MISSOURIAN STAFF

With a new outlook on the season provided by an interim head coach, change is just what the Bearcat softball team is trying to find.

Following a 27-29 season, which saw the 'Cats finish sixth in the MIAA, new head coach Patrick Murphy, who replaces Gayla Steenbergen, said he has a winning goal in mind for the new season.

"The season outlook focuses on defensive consistency," Murphy said. "We will try to prevent the big inning on defense and be very aggressive on offense."

Murphy is impressed by the unity of the team and how quickly they have adjusted to the coaching change.

"The girls are working very hard," he said. "Their intensity level is high and that is something I like to see. It is a team effort. There are no individuals."

Murphy said he comes to Northwest

from one of the country's winningest softball programs at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. During his five years as an assistant coach at USL, Murphy worked primarily with the catchers, hitters and outfielders.

"I was looking to be more than an assistant coach," Murphy said. "I came to Northwest because it was a chance for me to be a head coach."

However, Murphy may be the only dramatic change for this Bearcat team that returns five starting position players and two pitchers.

Junior outfielder Amber Creameens could be one of the players to look for this season according to Murphy. Creameens believes the 'Cats will be aggressive and fast on both offense and defense.

"We have a lot of positive energy," she said. "We will be stealing bases right and left. Our team is very quick and we will be strong on offense. This year the team will be able to use all of our talent toward softball."

We haven't been able to do that in the last couple of seasons."

Even though Creameens is a returning starter, she said she believes everyone helps the team.

"I can't name one person who will benefit the team individually," Creameens said. "Everyone helps—that's what makes the team." Senior pitcher Kelly Matthews said she thought that it was time for a reconstruction of the team.

"I like Coach Murphy a lot," Matthews said. "He has a lot of knowledge about softball. I think he has great things to bring to our team. We are all very excited."

Matthews has played at Northwest for three years for the same coach, but thinks the change for her last year will have a positive effect on her and her teammates.

"Our team needed a change," Matthews said. "Our old coach was ready to move on. There were a lot of coach-player conflicts. A new coach is what we needed for a total turnaround."

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 vs. Washburn
Sunday, March 26
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 vs. Quincy College
 vs. Peru State University
Tuesday, April 11
 vs. Missouri Western State College

Friday, April 14
 AT MISSOURI WESTERN STATE COLLEGE INVITATIONAL
 vs. Missouri Southern State College
 vs. University of Nebraska-Omaha
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 vs. Emporia State University
 vs. Quincy College
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Johnson stresses education over sports

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to develop his players into well-rounded individuals.

"He tries to make you a whole person," he said. "He stresses that we are respectable and have a clean image."

Johnson said one of the reasons he stresses education is because a high

percentage of college do not make it to the major leagues.

In fact, Northwest has produced three major leaguers, two of which Johnson has coached: Tom Funk and Todd Frohwrth.

Frohwrth is still pitching in the major leagues, but his career has been put on hold by the baseball strike.

However, during the 1992-93 season, Johnson said he put his coaching career on hold in order to earn his master's degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia. However, he said it was difficult to stay away from coaching.

"During the year and a half that I did not coach, I found out I could live without baseball," he said.

Interim coach intent on winning

Despite time limitations, Murphy says he plans on making the most of his job

By NATE OLSON
 CHIEF REPORTER

The Bearcat softball team has a new interim softball coach and although his time here will be limited, he said he plans to make the most of it.

Patrick Murphy is the interim replacement of long-time softball coach Gayla Steenbergen, who resigned Jan. 31 to accept an administrative position with the Kansas City, Mo., school district.

His contract runs until May 31, but he will not be hired for the permanent position because he is not qualified to teach the physical education classes for which there is an opening. However, he is more focused on helping the program while he is here.

"I am just thinking about the players and trying to have a successful season and win games," he said. "We are working on the fundamentals and getting people better. I would say the outlook is good."

Murphy comes to Northwest following a five-year stint as assistant softball coach at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

While at USL, Murphy worked with hitters, catchers and outfielders. In the five years he coached at USL, the team averaged 48 wins per season and finished third at the College World Series in 1993.

Murphy has spent his summers since 1992 as head baseball coach at Independence High School in Independence, Iowa, and began coaching high school in 1988.

The team enjoyed three consecutive win-

ning seasons, and its overall record under Murphy's guidance was 81-33.

Sophomore third baseman Karen Hogel said it is difficult dealing with the fact that Murphy is here for only one season, but said she and her teammates are focusing on this season.

"We know he will not be back and it is sad because we are getting attached to him," she said. "We are aware of the fact, but it is not affecting us because we are excited about this season."

Murphy said he is excited about the position because it allows him to measure his ability as a head coach.

"I would rather be an interim head coach than no head coach at all," he said. "I will find out if this is really what I want to do."

Murphy said he is confident about his coaching ability because of his experience with the successful USL program before coming to Northwest.

"I think coaching at Southwest Louisiana makes it easier to come here and coach because I know what it takes to win," he said. "I tell my players what they need to do to be successful and I tell them they are doing drills and things that people that went to the World Series did."

Senior pitcher Kelly Matthews said working with a coach who has a successful background is overwhelming, but also beneficial to the team.

"It is kind of intimidating working with him but it is great experience working with someone who is so experienced," she said. "He is very knowledgeable and he said his weakness is pitching, but I do not know anyone who knows more about pitching than he does."

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Patrick Murphy
 Interim Softball Coach

Alma Mater:
 University of Northern Iowa in 1988.

Coaching Experience:
 Served as an assistant softball coach at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. While at USL, he worked with catchers, hitters and outfielders in a program that averaged 48 wins per season and finished in the NCAA Division I Top Ten four times. Since 1992, Murphy has been head baseball coach at Independence High School in Independence, Iowa. From 1988-90 Murphy coached the Sumner High School baseball team in Sumner, Iowa.



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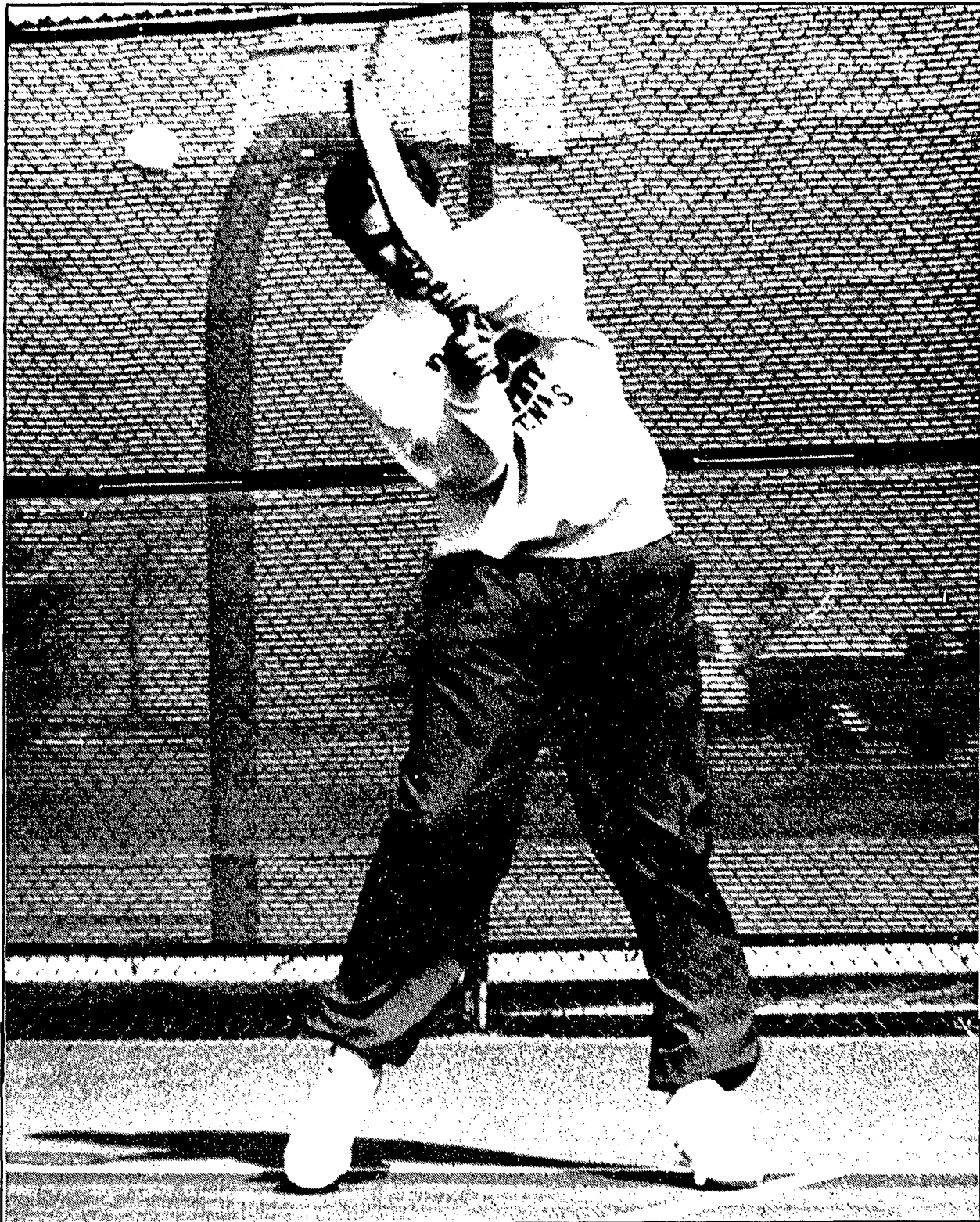
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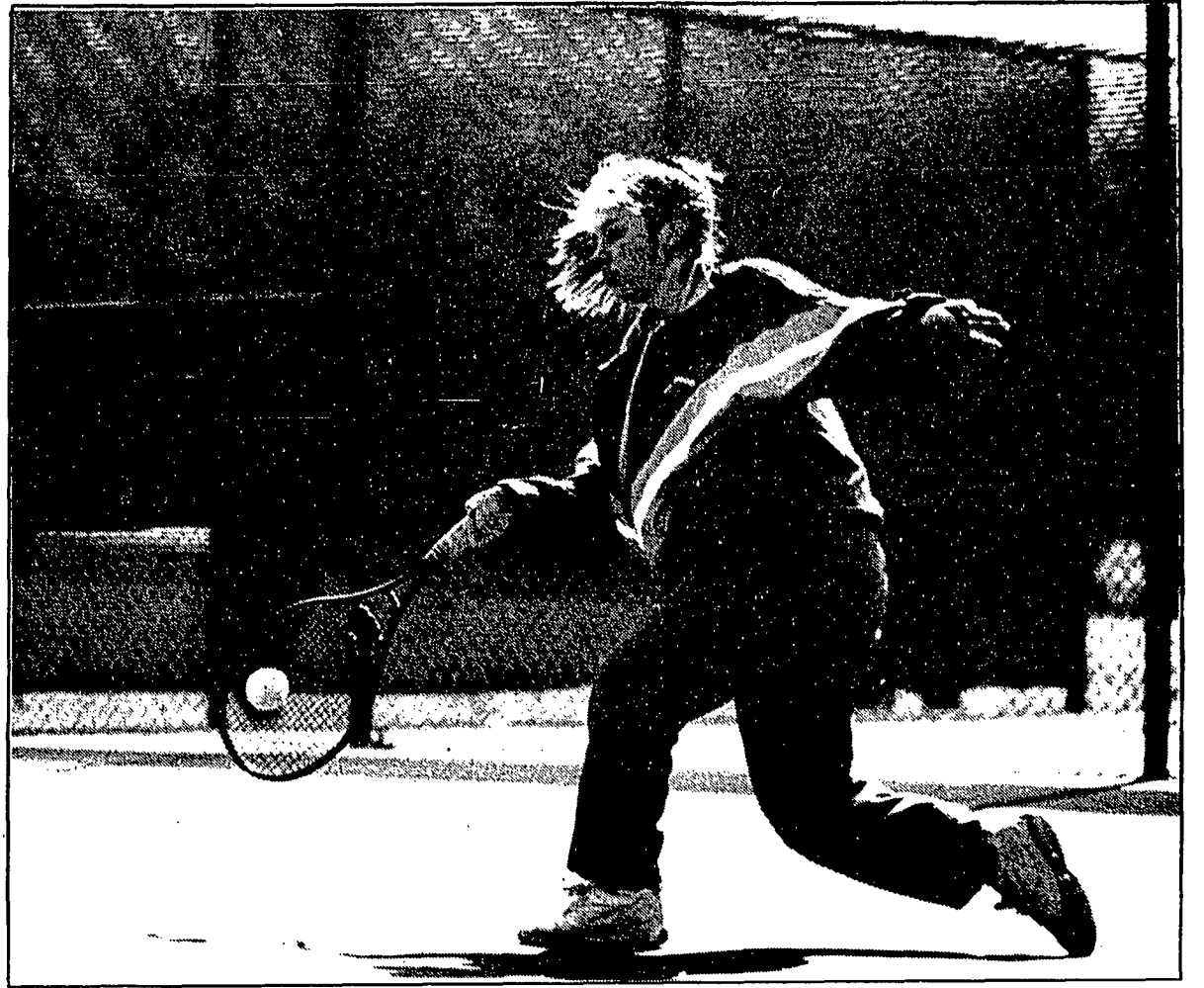
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DURING SENIOR EDUARDO Jarolim's singles match Saturday, he slams the tennis ball over the net to his University of Nebraska-Kearney opponent.

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JONY LEITENBAUER STRETCHES to return the ball to her opponent during Saturday's match against University of Nebraska-Kearney. The tennis team is preparing for a dominant season.



"We should win conference. If everyone plays to their potential, we have a very good shot."

Trystan Crook
junior tennis player

Netters eye MIAA championships

By JASON TARWATER
ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR

Spring break marks the beginning of many things, including warmer weather and the spring tennis season at Northwest.

After playing in the United States Tennis Association Missouri Valley Collegiate Series on Feb. 10, the men's and women's tennis teams have meets set up during spring break, as well as the rest of March, before beginning conference play.

The men's team is starting the season after a relatively strong showing in the Midwest Regional Rolex Intercollegiate Tennis Championships Oct. 7-9.

In that competition, senior Eduardo Jarolim, ad-

vanced to the semi-finals before being eliminated by Jason White of Cameron (Okla.) University.

Freshman Ted Carino sees the success the team tasted in the Rolex continuing through the conference season and beyond.

"We have the tools to win the conference," he said.

Junior Trystan Crook echoed Carino's confidence about the team's conference future.

"We should win the conference," Crook said. "If everyone plays to their potential, we have a very good shot."

Carino also said the team would not be satisfied with just winning the MIAA.

"We're looking toward nationals," he said. "We're not looking past the conference, but we're definitely

working toward going to nationals in California."

Crook said the team's strength lies in the amount of good players the team has.

"We have a lot more depth than most teams," he said. "We have a lot of guys on the team, and that will help if someone gets hurt."

On the women's side, conference success seems to come naturally for the team.

The 'Cats have won three straight MIAA conference titles and have not lost an MIAA dual meet since 1990.

Junior Andi Schneider said experience should be the difference between them and the other teams in the conference.

"We have a lot of players returning from last year," she said. "That experience will help out a lot."

Senior Lucy Caputo said the road to the team's fourth straight conference championship may be blocked by rival Northeast Missouri State University.

"They picked up a lot of good players," she said. "The conference tournament this year should be very interesting."

With all the experience the women's team has, one freshman in particular is equally ready to help make an impact.

Freshman Sherri Casady said she is excited about the new season and the chance to play against the top players in the conference.

"I'm looking forward to playing against new people and people better than me," she said. "That will help make my game better."

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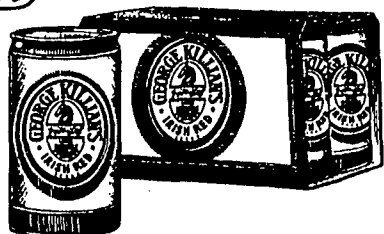
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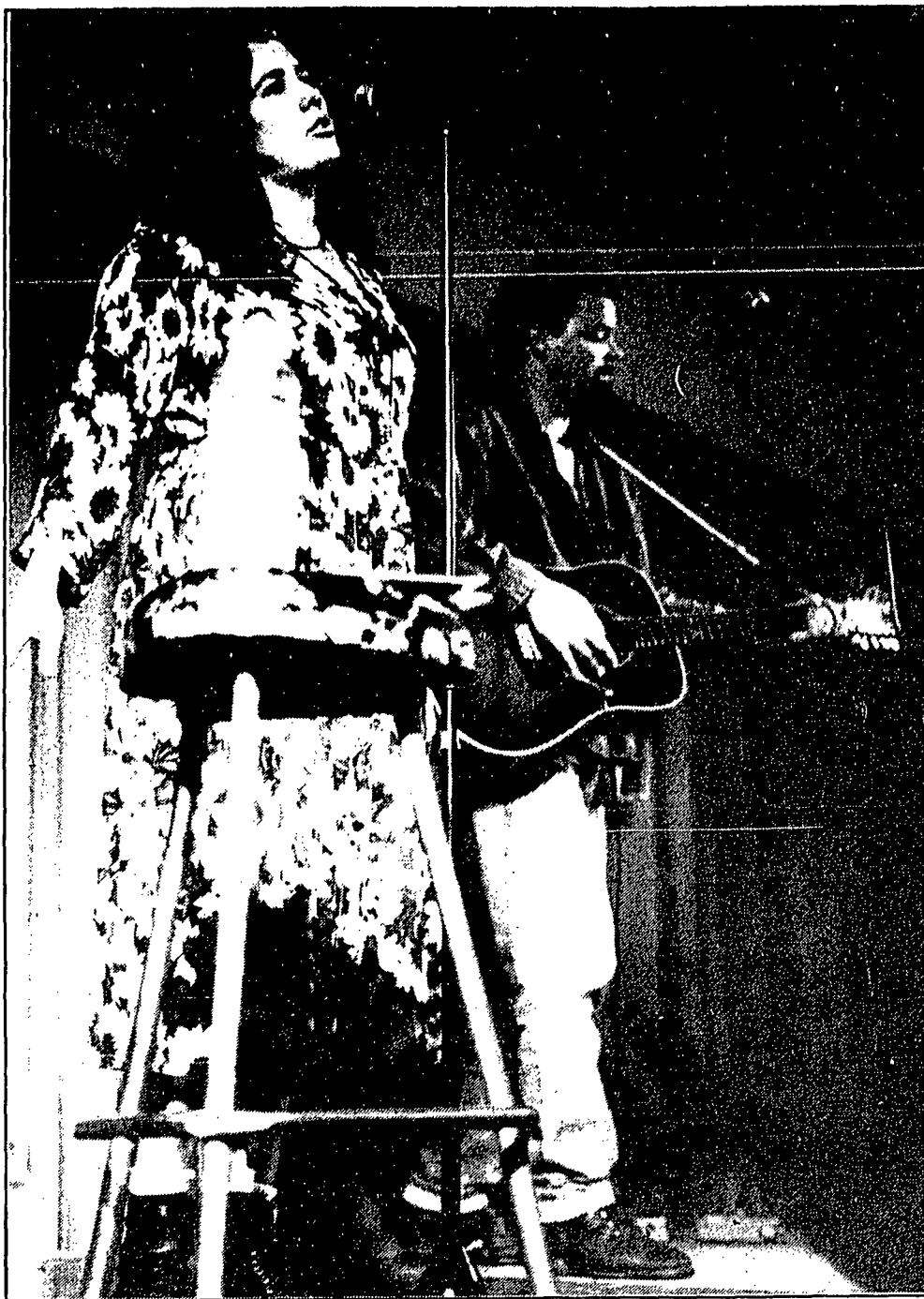
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Therese Chesmer and Erik Newman of Holiday Ranch Duo from Minneapolis performed Monday night without the band at Café Karma. Café Karma has developed a loyal following over the past two semesters.

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Duo offers accoustical sounds

UP NEXT

Soloist Lili Añel will perform at the next Café Karma April 10.

By KAREN GATES
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Lights were low with little candles on round tables as acoustical rock music filled students' ears at the Café Karma Monday night.

Holiday Ranch Duo was the feature of the evening, which was sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers.

The duo comes from their band, Holiday Ranch, in Minneapolis, where they play mostly rock music.

The band has traveled all over the United States and has opened for the Crash Test Dummies.

The duo played different songs throughout the evening. One song called "Wasted Again," was written about a friend with a drug problem.

"I like to write stuff that comes from my heart and stuff that really bugs me," Newman said.

CAPs members said they enjoy putting on Café Karma.

"Coffeehouses always seem to be popular in St. Joseph and in Kansas City, so we enjoy putting on a similar thing here with a live performance," Becky Pinick, CAPs Coffeehouse chair, said.

"Café Karma provides a social atmosphere where students can do their homework or just relax and talk," she said.

Many students at the event seemed to enjoy the duo, even though Chesmer had a cold.

"I thought the duo was really good, and I am sorry the vocalist has a cold, but she proves to be an excellent singer," Derreck Booth said.

Other students were also impressed with Chesmer's voice.

"She really has a great voice and a good range," Maria Lovell said. "I am impressed with the acoustic guitar. I just wish we could hear the whole band."

Newman said the duo was pleased with the response of the audience.

"The audience seemed to be listening well, and if asked, we would come back," Newman said.

The next Café Karma will be April 10, and will feature soloist Lili Añel.

E-mail address allows expansion

By AMY DUGGAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Students who use the internet system to receive mail from other universities need to be aware that Northwest has changed its E-mail address.

The old address, @Northwest-Missouri.Edu, was changed to @Acad.NwMissouri.Edu in the beginning of March.

Prior to the address change, Northwest shared a portion of its computer addresses with the University of Missouri-Columbia. Northwest's old ad-

dress ending in, Missouri.Edu, was also the same address ending for Columbia. Because of this, the University previously had to share an address base with Columbia.

Although the University does not use all the machines or addresses available, with the new address 6,400 addresses are available, compared to 1,000 with the old domain.

"We separated from the University of Missouri in Columbia to get more computer addresses," Jon Rickman, director of computing services and telecommunications, said.

Despite the sudden change, it was mentioned on the vax to students a month ahead of time. Although the address change will not speed up processing time for students using the system, Rickman believes it is important for the University.

"It is necessary for expandability," Rickman said. "It is not quicker, but gives us our own unique address and also allows us to expand more."

Although the old address will work until later in the year, Rickman advises students to pass the word along about the new address.

Artist's work represents reality

In the '60s the song was "Standing on the corner watchin' all the girls go by..." Well, when the girls are life-size and fiberglass, maybe the writers should change their songs. To find them they need to look at the exhibit in the DeLuce Gallery by sculptor Nick Chiburis.

In works that are similar to the art of Frank Gallo, Brancusi and the ancient Greeks, Chiburis makes life-sized casts of women and reproduces them in fiberglass with hollow backs. These are the starting points for his creations.

"I consider myself a student of anatomy," Chiburis said. "The female form combined with social, religious and sexual symbols serves as the main vehicle of my work: As a metamorphic source of inspiration, I find it ageless and universal."

Combining the figures with armour and motorized parts could be looked at as an example of such metamorphosis. Other pieces include smaller pedestal types whose anatomy shows figures such as the ying-yang.

The gallery is open from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. There is no admission charge and the exhibit will run through March 31.



CHRIS GALITZ/Missourian Staff

STUDENTS VIEW DRAMATIC art during Nick Chiburis's DeLuce Gallery exhibit. His work includes the bare essentials such as life-sized anatomical sexual parts. The exhibit closes March 31.

Auditions open for local movie

Local production site for NYU student's film; several roles available

Auditions for a range of parts in a local movie, which will be filmed this summer, are slated for Friday.

Auditions for the independent film "The Outside World" will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday in 200 Fine Arts Building.

The film will be directed by Chris McDonald, a student at New York

University and a native of Chillicothe, Mo.

McDonald, who attended Northwest prior to NYU, wrote the movie script.

Chet Hardin, a theater major at Northwest and a graduate of Maryville High School, will star in the production.

Hardin also serves as the executive producer of the film.

The film, which goes into production locally in June, has roles for all

ages, the producers said.

"There are so many scenes in the movie, so we're looking for several people to fill those rolls," Hardin said.

The production centers around Aaron (played by Hardin), who is 18 years old and fresh out of reform school. Aaron, who is fatherless, is having trouble communicating with his mother.

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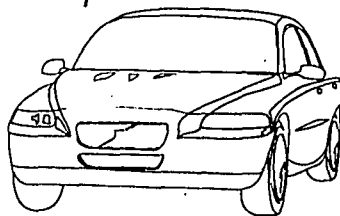


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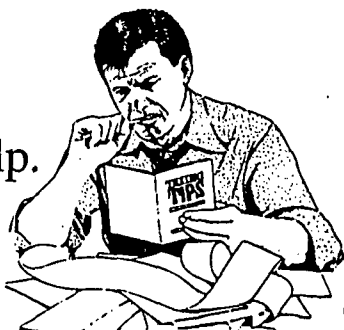
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Bearcat Baseball

Sunday, March 12
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	AB	H	R	BBI	PO	E	A
Fitzmorris cf	2	0	0	0	3	1	0
Skriver lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Carter dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paulson 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnett c	2	0	0	0	2	0	1
Withar ss	3	1	0	1	1	0	7
Newell 3b	2	0	0	0	13	0	4
Hearn 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Soderstrom rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	19	2	1	1	21	1	13

WP-Gutkowski LP-Shorter 2B-None 3B-None HR-None SB-None HBP-None Attendance-50

Bearcat Softball

Friday, March 10
Spring Fling at Pensacola, Fla.
Missouri-St. Louis 8, Northwest 1

	AB	H	R	BBI	PO	E	A
Randles cf	3	2	1	0	1	0	0
Howard dp	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burkhart c	3	1	0	0	3	0	1
Hogel 3b	3	2	0	1	1	0	2
Wright lf	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Cremens rf	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Johnson ph-7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flynn ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brensel ph-7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Autele 2b	2	0	0	0	5	1	2
Ritland 1b	1	0	0	0	7	4	1
Keppeler ph-5	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTALS	24	6	1	3	21	6	8

WP-Stockdale LP-Matthews (2-1) 2B-Wright 3B-None HR-None SB-None HBP-None

Men's Basketball Standings

(final conference and overall records)

	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
1. Mo. Western (7)	13-3	.813	26-5	.839
2. Washburn (19)	13-3	.813	22-8	.733
3. Northeast	12-4	.750	17-10	.630
4. CMSU	11-5	.688	24-7	.774
5. Pittsburg State	9-7	.563	13-13	.500
6. UMSL	8-8	.500	14-13	.519
7. SBU	8-8	.500	17-10	.630
8. Northwest	7-9	.467	13-14	.481
9. Mo. Southern	6-10	.375	11-15	.400
10. Emporia State	4-12	.250	6-19	.240
11. Lincoln	3-13	.182	6-21	.222
12. UMSL	2-14	.125	10-16	.385

() Rank in latest NCAA Division II Polls

Women's Basketball Standings

(final conference and overall records)

	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
1. Mo. Western (3)	15-1	.938	29-2	.935
2. Mo. Southern	13-3	.813	20-8	.714
3. Washburn (14)	13-3	.813	24-7	.774
4. Pittsburg State	11-5	.688	22-7	.759
5. SBU	10-6	.625	18-8	.692
6. UMSU	9-7	.563	15-12	.556
7. CMSU	8-8	.500	17-10	.630
8. Emporia State	5-11	.312	11-15	.423
9. Northeast	5-11	.312	8-17	.320
10. Northwest	4-12	.250	11-15	.423
11. UMSL	2-14	.125	7-19	.269
12. Lincoln	1-15	.062	7-19	.269

() Rank in latest NCAA Division II Polls

PLAYER WATCH

Lucy Caputo

Class: Senior
Hometown: Lincoln, Neb.
Previous School: Lincoln East HS
Major: Geography



Career highlights: In high school, three-time state champion at No. 1 doubles, runner-up the other year. Member of three state championship tennis teams. At Northwest, from freshman to junior years, has a combined singles and doubles record of 106-32 including four MIAA championships. **This season's stats:** Currently has a 6-2 record singles record coupled by a 3-4 doubles record with teammate Lia Ruiz.

KEY QUOTE

"We felt really good about our performance. It was positive to be able to win so many games so early in the season."

-Patrick Murphy
Bearcat interim softball coach

Big Eight Basketball

(final conference and overall records)

	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
1. Kansas (4)	11-3	.786	23-5	.821
2. Oklahoma St. (14)	10-4	.714	23-9	.719
3. Oklahoma (20)	9-5	.643	23-8	.742
4. Missouri (23)	8-6	.571	19-8	.704
5. Iowa State (18)	6-8	.429	22-10	.688
6. Colorado	5-9	.357	15-12	.556
7. Nebraska	4-10	.286	17-13	.567
8. Kansas State	3-11	.214	12-15	.444

() Rank in USA Today/CNN Coaches Poll
Big Eight Tournament First Round
Kansas 90, Kansas State 45
Iowa State 68, Missouri 50
Oklahoma St. 68, Nebraska 48
Oklahoma 71, Colorado 53
Semi-Final Round
Iowa State 80, Kansas 72 OT
Oklahoma St. 71, Oklahoma 58
Championship Game
Oklahoma State 62, Iowa State 53

JORDAN WATCH

Tuesday, March 14: Citing unidentified sources, Chicago CBS affiliate WBBM-TV reported an announcement on Michael Jordan's return could come Wednesday, that would put him in uniform for the Bulls' Friday game versus the Milwaukee Bucks. The report claimed Bulls' players were informed of Jordan's impending return Monday. Bulls' owner Jerry Reinsdorf denied the rumor saying he had not talked with Jordan since Thursday, but did admit he talked to Jordan's agent David Falk on Sunday.

-compiled from USA Today

Sunshine state proves kind to 'Cats

By JENI KLAMM
MISSOURIAN STAFF

While other Northwest students rested and recuperated during spring break, the Bearcat softball team was improving its overall record to 9-6.

The 'Cats started slowly, losing two games to the University of Southeastern Louisiana on March 5. Head coach Patrick Murphy said USL was very experienced and had a distinct edge over the Bearcats.

"They are a Division I school and they had already played 15 games," Murphy said. "They had a lot of experience, but we played well."

In the first game, junior pitcher Kristi Sweeney gave up four hits handing USL the 4-0 win.

"Sweeney gave up only four hits, but they were the hits that put USL ahead," Murphy said. In the second game, senior center fielder Kelly Randles was 3-for-4 with a stolen base, while sophomore left fielder Deanna Wright and freshman right fielder Leslie Howard were each 2-for-3, leading the 'Cats at the plate.

However, USL pulled ahead of Northwest with a five-run frame that led the Lady Lions to the 7-3 win.

Northwest then traveled to Pensacola, Fla., on March 6 to begin play in the University of West

Florida Spring Fling Tourney.

The Bearcats started out strong with a 10-0 shutout of Wilmington (Ohio). The shutout, which earned the 'Cats their first win under Murphy, was the first for senior pitcher Kelly Matthews.

The same day the 'Cats notched another win versus Heidelberg (Ohio), 2-0, which was highlighted by freshman pitcher Allyson Fudge's one-hit shutout.

On March 7 the 'Cats downed Olivet (Mich.) in a doubleheader, 16-4 and 6-0.

However, the Bearcats had stronger opponents in their games to come.

Over the next three days, the 'Cats played and

beat Walsh University, 8-3, College of St. Francis, (Ill.), 5-3, Austin Peay (Tenn.) State, 4-0, Kalamazoo Valley Junior College, 11-1, and Lake Superior (Mich.) State, 8-0.

"We felt really good about our performance," Murphy said. "It was positive to be able to win so many games so early in the season."

The Bearcats lost tough games to College of St. Francis, 2-1 and 6-0, MIAA foe University of Missouri-St. Louis, 8-1, and the University of Mobile (Ala.), 1-0.

The Bearcats next game will be Tuesday, when they take on Simpson College in a 2 p.m. doubleheader at Beal Park.

Weather drowns Northwest bats

By JEFF HARLIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Rain, rain, go away. Come again some other day. That is the motto of the Northwest baseball team, which is looking to continue its winning ways, but the weather is not cooperating.

Northwest was only able to play four of a possible 13 games over spring break. In those four games, the 'Cats posted a 2-2 record, raising their overall mark to 4-4.

The team dropped two games in Joplin, Mo., to South Dakota State University, 11-14, and another to Missouri Southern State College, 14-20.

Junior center fielder Matt Fitzmorris led the way at the plate during the two away games, batting a torrid .667 with four runs batted in.

However, while the offense was scoring runs, the pitching staff was unable to stop neither the Jackrabbits nor the Lions.

Northwest pitchers gave up a total of 34 runs in the two losses as junior Kirk Sears and freshman Sal McGhee picked up the losses.

Following the two-game road trip, the 'Cats returned to Bearcat Field to face MIAA South Division foe Pittsburg State University.

In the first game, the Bearcats could only muster two hits and one run. But that would be all the 'Cats would need as three pitchers combined for the shutout. Sophomore Mark Gutkowski picked up the win with two solid innings in relief.

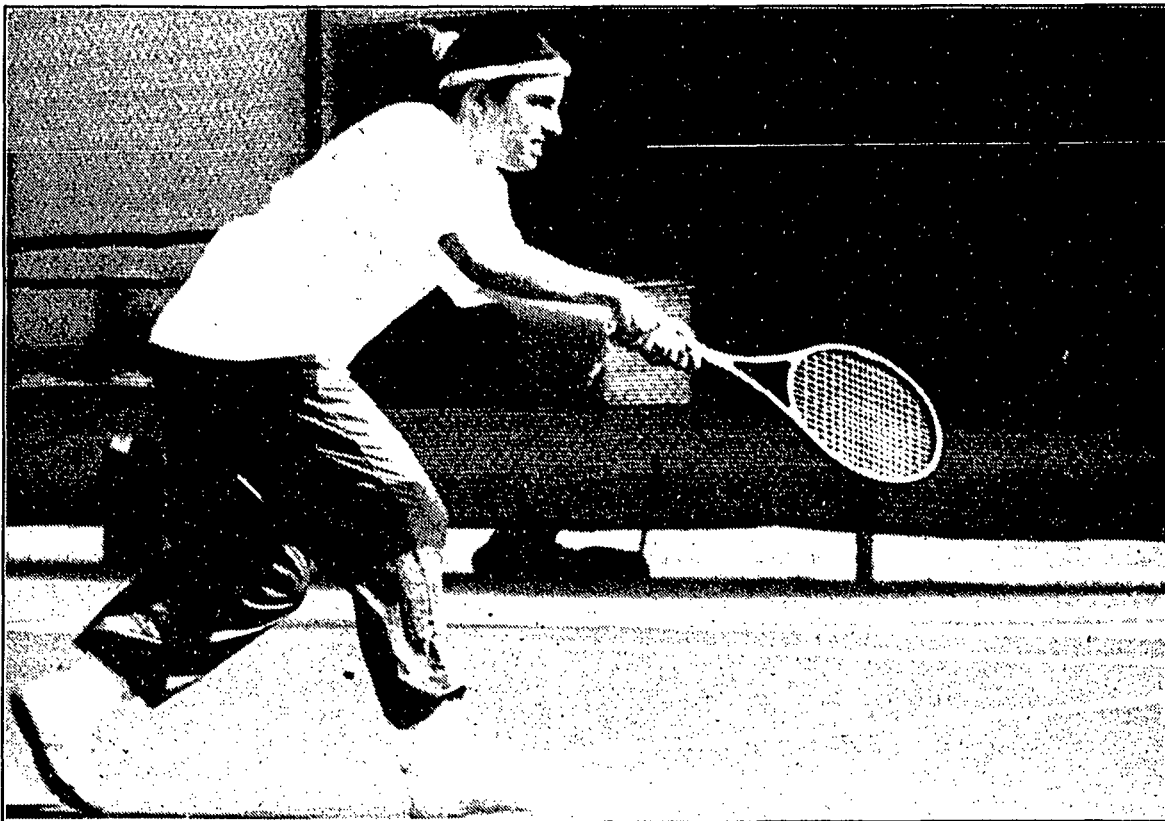
Northwest's run came in the bottom of the seventh inning. Senior left fielder Brad Skriver singled up the middle to break up the Pitt State no-hitter.

Senior Bill Carter moved Skriver to second. Following walks to junior designated hitter Jeremiah Paulson and junior catcher James Barnett, then senior shortstop Brian Withar brought Skriver home on a suicide squeeze.

Northwest was able to win the second game, 5-4, with sophomore catcher Jay Griggs leading the way hitting 1-for-1 with three RBI and two base-on-balls. Skriver went 2-for-4 as senior pitcher Brent Goheen picked up his first win of the season.

Weather permitting, Northwest will begin an eight-game homestand at 1 p.m. Thursday with a doubleheader against Wayne State (Mich.) University.

The weekend will also bring doubleheaders against Northeast Missouri State University Friday and Saturday, and Loras (Iowa) College Monday.



SENIOR LUCY CAPUTO reaches to return a serve from opponents Kara Kistopoulos and Andrea Lous from the University of Nebraska-Kearney during Saturday's match. Caputo and Junior Lia Ruiz defeated Kistopoulos and Lous, 8-4.

JACK VAUGHT/
Chief Photographer

Tennis teams wind up successful break

By NATE OLSON
CHIEF REPORTER

The Bearcat tennis teams, fresh off a nearly perfect spring break, picked up where they left off last season, vaulting into the national tennis rankings.

The men's tennis team, which is ranked 13th in the nation in the NCAA Division II rankings and third in the Midwest Region, went 7-2 over spring break.

The women's team is enjoying success of its own with a 6-2 record.

The men's team started its week-long road trip March 4 in Tulsa, Okla., with an uncontested trouncing of the University of Northeastern Oklahoma, 4-0. The 'Cats continued their success and squeezed by Oral Roberts University, an NCAA Division I program.

The women only played one match in Tulsa as they blasted Oral Roberts, 6-1.

The men's team lost a heartbreaker to NCAA Division I opponent Southwest Missouri State University, 4-3, in Springfield. However, the 'Cats roared back to crush Drury College, 7-0, in action the following day.

The women's netters also dropped their match to Southwest Missouri, but they rebounded to squash Drury College, 7-0.

The Bearcats returned home to Maryville Friday and Saturday to play host to Mankato State University and St. Cloud (Minn.) State University.

Both matches resulted in decisive victories as the 'Cats skunked both teams, 7-0.

The women squeaked by St. Cloud State Tuesday, 4-3, and they dominated Mankato State and the University of Nebraska-Kearney Friday and Saturday.

Head coach Mark Rosewell was impressed with the caliber of his team's performance despite the tough loss to Southwest Missouri.

"I think we are doing very good and we beat Oral Roberts and played tough against Southwest Missouri State, who are both Division I teams," he said. "All of our team is playing well."

The men's team now prepare for a big weekend as they are slated to face Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville Friday, the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Jefferson Junior College in St. Louis Saturday, and the University of Missouri-Rolla in Rolla Sunday.

The women's team will play at Northeast Friday, at UMSL Saturday and at UMR Sunday.

Track teams carry over indoor successes into first outdoor meets

By JASON TARWATER
ASSISTANT TO THE EDITOR

Spring break was kind to the Bearcat track teams.

Both teams participated in two meets over spring break, with the women winning both and the men taking fourth and second respectively.

Two members of the team also placed in their events at the NCAA Division II indoor national championships this past weekend in Indianapolis.

The team will take the next three

weeks off to train and prepare for the Northwest Invitational on April 1.

Nationals, which took place last weekend, saw freshman Jacshelle Sasser finish the high jump in a tie for first, but lose the tie-breaker because of the number of jumps she missed. Sasser leapt 5-foot-9 1/4 inches.

Sasser also finished eighth in the triple jump, leaping 37-10.

Also, junior Mitch Dosland jumped to a sixth-place tie in the high jump, clearing a height of 6-8.

The outdoor season for both teams got into full swing during Northwest's

spring break, as the team participated in several meets, including the York relays at Sam Houston State University, in Huntsville, Texas.

The women placed first overall out of a seven-team field.

Sasser again had a successful meet, winning the high jump and the triple jump, and provisionally qualifying for outdoor nationals in June.

Senior Tasha Goudreau won the 100-meter hurdles and sophomore Renata Eustice took the 3,000-meter run.

The men's sole first-place winner

was junior Luc Van Grootel, who took the 400-meter hurdles.

The teams then garnered 13 first-place finishes in the Texas A&M-Kingsville relays including sophomore Damon Alsip in the javelin, freshmen Chad Sutton, Don Ferree and Jason Yoo in the high jump, 1,500 and 400-meters, respectively.

Senior Chris Blondin took the 800-meter run and junior Clint Johnson won the final individual title for the men in the 5,000.

The women finished the meet with seven individual titles of their own

including freshman Carrie Sindelar in the 1,500 and 800.

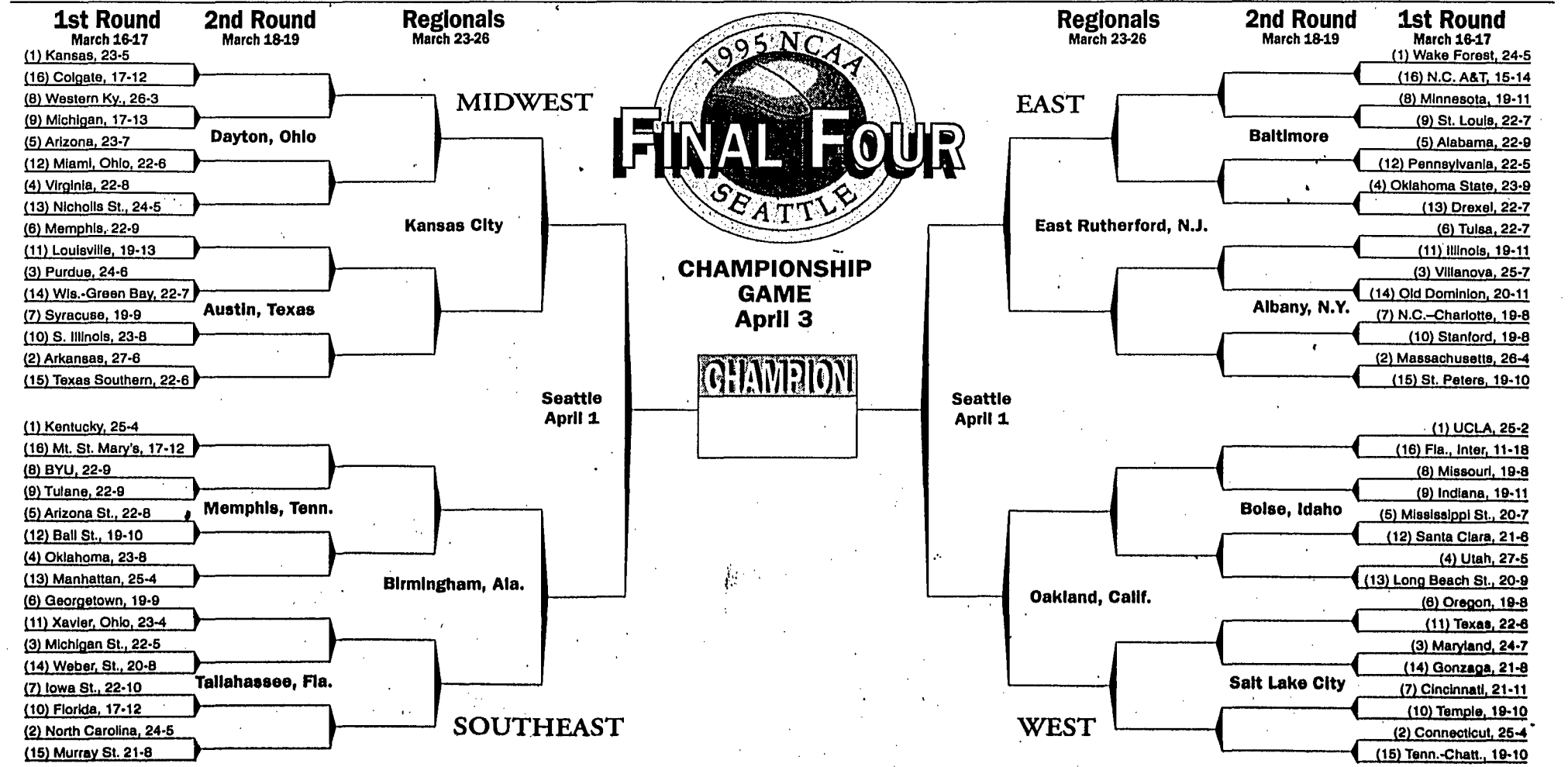
Fellow freshmen Kathy Kearns and Laura Peppers took the 3,000 and triple jump, respectively.

Freshman Julie Humphreys won the discus, while freshman Amy Allen took the 200-meter dash.

Ron DeShon, women's head coach, said he was excited with the way the team has started off the new season.

"I'm elated," DeShon said. "We've had an outstanding start to the outdoor season, after an outstanding indoor season."

1995 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship



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Students get ultimate wake-up call

By CHERA PRIDEAUX
MISSOURIAN STAFF

It's 3 a.m. and you are trying to stay up to cram for a killer test you have to ace, but it has been an hour since your last Mountain Dew. Wanting to stay awake to make up for waiting until the last minute to study, you down a couple of two-liter bottles. As you guzzle it down you receive a high that is enough to help you make it through the rest of the night.

Using and abusing caffeine is not an uncommon occurrence for many students. It's probably the most widely used drug in America and also a big part of college students' lives.

Caffeine is found in everything from coffee and soft drinks to less obvious sources such as frozen yogurt, cold capsules, headache tablets and even gelatin.

Many students often use caffeine to wake up in the morning or at night to finish their studying. According to a May 19 article in *Time* magazine titled "Dangers of Caffeine," small amounts of caffeine can actually have a few positive effects like increasing alertness and giving a person a sense of well-being.

It can also be as addictive as alcohol and other drugs if consumed in large quantities. Its withdrawal symptoms include drowsiness and depression.

In some severe cases it may cause a

HOT DRINKS (per 8-fluid-oz. cup)	
Drip-brewed coffee	100 mg
Instant coffee	70 mg
Tea, U.S. brands	50 mg
Cocoa	5 mg
Decaf coffee	4 mg

runny nose, nausea and vomiting, which are not unlike the withdrawal symptoms caused by other serious addictions such as heroin, according to a September article in *Consumer Reports* magazine titled "Caffeine Products."

Headaches are another of the most common symptoms associated with kicking the caffeine habit.

Jennyfer DeLong gave up soft drinks for Lent.

"A few days after I gave up pop, I started getting headaches that lasted for the rest of that week," DeLong said.

Some students use caffeine pills such as Vivarin or No-Doz for an extra-strong dose of caffeine.

Shawn Bechtol has taken No-Doz to keep him awake on long nights, but he has since stopped.

"I had a lot of things going on and I needed to stay up," Bechtol said. "I took them to stay awake and alert, but when it wears off it hits me like a truck and throws me to the ground."

These over-the-counter drugs can contain as much caffeine as two or three cups of coffee per tablet or capsule.

Other students have decided to completely give up caffeinated beverages for various reasons.

Jason Clarke quit caffeine in August 1990 because he was about to enter the military and needed to calm his nerves.

He had been drinking about a 12-pack of Coke a day and spending \$20-25 a week to

satisfy his habit.

"I calmed down by at least 50 percent," Clarke said. "I had hellacious withdrawal, with really bad headaches and cravings."

Since 1990, Clarke has had a few cans of Coke, but each time, he has experienced severe headaches and has had trouble sleeping.

Brooke Quigley has not had any soft drinks or coffee for three years. Quigley chose to quit because she was involved in track and was trying to improve her times.

"Going off caffeine improved my times, but now it gives me headaches," Quigley said.

However, the U.S. Olympic Committee regards caffeine that is screened in large amounts as an unfair advantage for athletes. *Consumer Reports* said caffeine aides in the muscles' abilities and delays exhaustion.

Although caffeine may cause problems for some, studies have proven that caffeine does not have any major risk factors associated with it when consumed in moderate amounts.

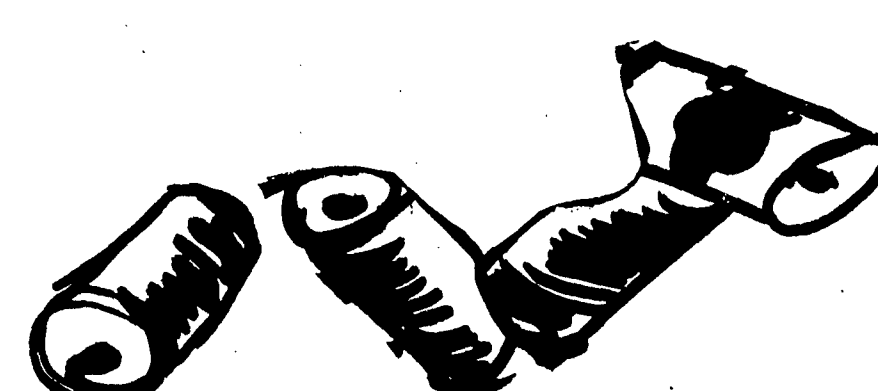
*SOFT DRINKS (per 12-fluid-oz. can)	
Mountain Dew	54 mg
Coca-Cola (diet, reg.)	46 mg
Dr. Pepper	41 mg
Pepsi-Cola (diet, reg.)	35 mg

*CHOCOLATE	
Dark chocolate	20 mg
Milk chocolate	6 mg
*OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS	
Vivarin tablet	200 mg
No-Doz tablet	100 mg
Excedrin	65 mg
Anacin	32 mg

* The information about hot drinks, soft drinks, chocolate and over-the-counter drugs was compiled from *Consumer Reports*. The figures represent how many milligrams of caffeine is in each item.



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Networks unleash midseason half-breeds

Midseason replacements

★★ (out of four)

Stars: Valerie Harper, George Wendt, Jessica Lundy, Cynthia Stevenson, Lori Singer
Networks: NBC, CBS, ABC, Fox
Reviewer: Mike Johnson

'Tis the midseason when the network executives unleash the shows they thought unfit to premiere in the fall. Although this is a particularly busy lineup, most of the programs are a sad lot of rejects.

However, for every two Tom Arnold shows, there is an "NYPD Blue," "Northern Exposure" or "Twin Peaks" waiting to be discovered.

George Wendt and Valerie Harper are back, but who missed them? Their two new sitcoms are, at best, lame attempts to reclaim their glory days.

"The George Wendt Show" is particularly disheartening as it is a blatant rip-off of the hilarious "Frasier."

Harper's "The Office" is just plain dumb. Ever since Harper captured hearts as the spunky "Rhoda," she has had a hard time finding a vehicle to play up to her feminist strengths. "The Office" does not even come close, but she does have great hair.

Elsewhere, medical dramas "Medicine Ball" and "University Hospital" have arrived, but who needs them with the fast-paced "ER" and quirky "Chicago Hope" already yanking the heartstrings and tickling the funny bone?



LORI SINGER PREPARES to be taken to another dimension through virtual reality in the new Fox show, "VR.5." Paired with the spooky cult series, "The X-Files," Fox has a chilling two-hour block on Friday.

Thankfully, there are two things to be grateful for in this midseason shake-up. One is that "Madman of the People" has been canceled and the adorable "Hope and Gloria" has taken up the half-hour vacancy, making NBC Thursdays even more of a powerhouse.

"Hope and Gloria" centers on the friendship between two women, played by the droll Jessica Lundy and irresistible Cynthia Stevenson. Call it "Kate and Allie" on Prozac.

The other cause for celebration is that the extremely dull "Mantis" is off the Fox lineup, making room for the nicely bizarre "VR.5."

Paired on Friday night with the hip cult show "The X-Files," "VR.5" is certainly unlike anything else on the tube.

Although the show is often mad-deniably confusing, it is also strangely hypnotic. The virtual reality scenes are filmed in lustrous, glowing colors and

a frightening dream-like haze.

Even "The Twilight Zone" did not paint a future quite so vividly frightening.

The show's main weakness is that it gets too wrapped up in scare tactics and becomes relentlessly depressing.

As the networks frantically pursue the ratings crown, "VR.5" and "Hope and Gloria" are the royalty of television with quality sure to bring in a crowd of loyal subjects,

THE STROLLER

Your Man cautions to read street signs



Yours truly comes close to having accident on Maryville streets

Three little words — how confusing can three little words be? Four syllables that make up one little sentence anyone who can read should be able to understand. But not on this campus.

Your Man was almost run down by a little gray automobile that could not follow a precautionary "Do Not Enter" sign.

I am having a little trouble comprehending why the sign was ignored, missed or otherwise not obeyed.

You'd think that a great big red and white sign on a huge yellow barricade would stand out against the gray dismal background we had on Monday, but I guess the little car just missed or ignored it.

Either way the little fragile car Your Man was in was almost sideswiped without a note of remorse, guilt or sorrow. The reckless driver of that gray menace to the streets didn't even look back or wave in apology.

Of course, I can't say that I would have taken the apology in any pleasing manner.

The sign Your Man speaks about is the one that faces Seventh Street along that one-way road in front of East Complex.

Now, I know that sometimes it seems like a hassle to go all the way around to head south, and Your Hero has seen many travelers head down the wrong way on that street, but at least these others did it when there was little or no traffic at 3 a.m.

However, this incident, in which I received the unwanted heart failure, occurred at about 2 p.m., just when there was a change in classes and everyone was leaving their parking places and heading home for lunch or something.

In other words, it was like campus rush hour. I could only hope that some innocent pedestrian wasn't crossing the street at the same time this road terror was speeding down the pavement.

Most foot travelers would not even think to look for oncoming traffic from the wrong way.

Think what would happen if the brakes failed in the demon car at the same time a sweet, innocent pedestrian stepped into the middle of the street.

It only takes a minute or so more to go down a block, so just go the right way.

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Films enchant with lucky charms

By MIKE JOHNSON
 ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The following article contains opinions of the writer.

St. Patrick's Day is Friday, and the video stores are lined with movie gold for the occasion. Irish and other eyes will be smiling after a look at the following films.

"The Quiet Man" — John Wayne may have been more well known for his westerns, but it is in this Irish classic that he gives his sweetest performance romancing the lovely Maureen O'Hara.

"Darby O'Gill and the Little People" — Darby O'Gill is an Irish storyteller who becomes involved with leprechauns, the banshee and other folk characters.

The charming Sean Connery stars as O'Gill's wannabe son-in-law in one of the original James Bond's earliest acting efforts.

"Far and Away" — Real-life couple Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman play an Irish pair who fall in



DANIEL DAY-LEWIS consults with Emma Thompson in the Irish political thriller "In the Name of the Father," directed by Jim Sheridan.

love, come to America and go out to claim land in Oklahoma.

It's sentimental blarney, but it's fun if only for Cruise's funny accent.

"My Left Foot" — Daniel Day-Lewis and Brenda Fricker nabbed acting Oscars for their wonderful performances in this extraordinary film about a man afflicted with cerebral palsy and the mother who refuses to give up on him.

Jim Sheridan, who also directed "My Left Foot," skillfully moves the film along at a brisk pace.

There is no need to go over the rainbow for these treasures. Just rush to the nearest video store instead.

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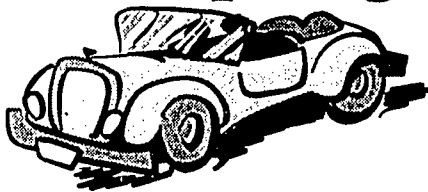
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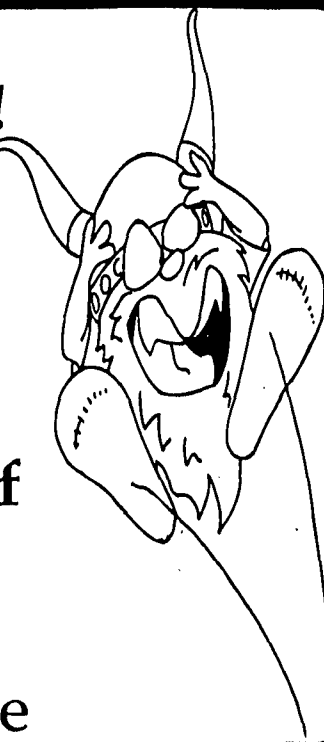
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